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For more information on Legacy, and other fine Thomasville furniture, see the box below.

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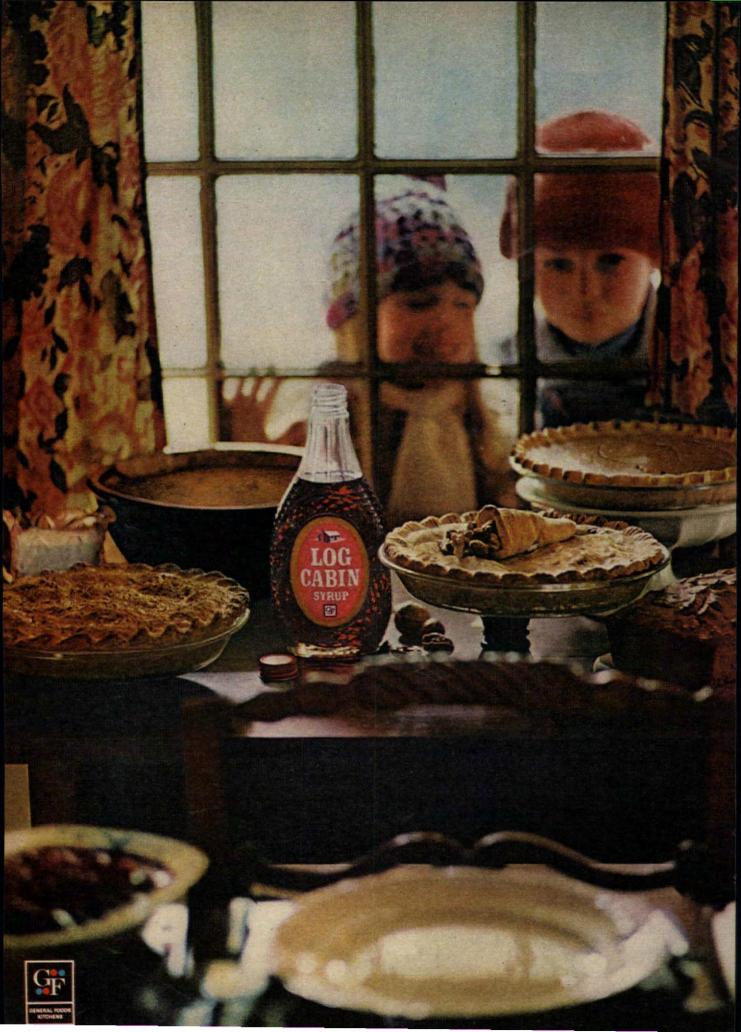
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brand that's still around today.) And your forebears probably started to use it to flavor and sweeten and cook with.

At Thanksgiving, it went on practically everything but the wild turkey.

They glazed their fresh-harvested vegetables with it, and laced it through magnificent-tasting cakes and wild berry preserves...and pies. The pies were especially glorious.

Here are some great pie recipes from the Log Cabin kitchens, beginning with some classic tips on making pie crusts:

Log Cabin and the Perfect Pie Crust.

For tender flaky crusts, cut shortening into flour thoroughly. Gradually add water.

Mix lightly; do not stir. Too much water means a tough crust; too little, a dry crumbly one. Handle pastry as little as possible. Roll with short, light strokes from center to outer edge. To repair a tear, moisten

edges and overlap; or seal gently with a pastry "patch."

Fit pastry loosely into pan; never stretch it. Smooth it to prevent blistering. Seal edges of a two-crust pie well, to keep filling in.

Log Cabin and the Apple Pie Glaze.

Just before baking, brush the center of the top crust of your favorite apple pie recipe with 2 tbsp. of Log Cabin syrup; sprinkle with 2 tbsp. granulated sugar and 1/4 tsp. cinnamon.

It adds a great old-fashioned look to traditional apple pie.

Log Cabin and the Mincemeat.

Break 2 packages (9 oz. each) condensed mincemeat into small pieces.

Combine with 1-1/2 cups water and 1/3 cup Log Cabin Syrup in large saucepan. Bring to a boil and boil 1 minute, stirring constantly.

Cool. Pour into 1 unbaked 9-inch pie shell. Add top crust; press edges together and crimp.

Cut openings in top crust for escape of steam;

brush with milk. Bake at 425° for

30 minutes or until golden
brown. Garnish with baked
pastry cornucopia,
filled with nuts if desired.
Cool before cutting.

Log Cabin and the Pumpkin Pie.

Beat 3 eggs. Add 1/4 cup Log Cabin Syrup, 1/2 cup brown sugar, firmly packed, 1/2 tsp. each salt, cinnamon, allspice, and nutmeg, 1 can (16 oz.) pumpkin, and 1-1/4 cups evaporated milk; stir until blended. Pour into 1 unbaked 9-inch pie shell. Bake at 450° for 15 minutes; then bake at 300° for 25 to 30 minutes. or until firm in center. Cool. Just

before serving, whip 3/4 cup heavy cream. Blend in 2 tbsp. Log Cabin Syrup and 1 tbsp. rum, if desired. Spoon onto pie.

Log Cabin and Thanksgiving are two of America's all-time favorite traditions. Still. Thanksgiving is quite different from the wild days of the Pilgrims, and Log Cabin's changed too. It's been refined and fussed with over the years to suit America's

changing tastes.

America loves Log Cabin. It's the No. 1 best-seller. Its golden-autumn color and its mouth-watering, taste make it one of the special pleasures of this time of year.

Make Log Cabin part of your Thanksgiving Day (the one day all year you can go easy on the pancakes and syrup for breakfast to make room for dinner.)

Happy Thanksgiving.

Log Cabin. America loves it. Still.



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office for a real, old-fash- Dorothy Brightbill-with her sampler and her roses.

Dorothy as teacher and guide, each has selected such quilt patterns as "Pine Tree," "Oak Leaves and Cherries," "Little Giant" and "The Reel" from the rich design lexicon of our 18th- and 19th-century past.

"If they make only one square," says Dorothy, "they will have a beautiful pillow cover." But from the way those needles are flying, we're betting on a dozen completed quilts, come spring. Our staff is caught up in the nationwide enthusiasm for making things with their hands.

Dorothy Brightbill has been teaching readers of *American Home* how to make beautiful things since 1948, and her famous Home Projects Kits were the first beautifully designed, low-cost needlework packages that were ever offered to readers of a service magazine.

Dorothy came to us from a job that had prepared her to make almost anything with her hands. From 1942 to 1947, during World War II and after, no new furniture lines were introduced, so most magazines had to create decorating pages by photographing miniature room settings, scaled at one inch to the foot. Dorothy, staff designer for the leading photographic studio of the time, made dollhouse-size rugs and pictures—and scaled wallpaper, fabric and upholstery designs to go with miniature furniture that might cost as much as \$1,000 apiece. The settings were so realistic and detailed that they photographed and reproduced as full-size rooms.

Home to Dorothy Brightbill, grandmother of three, is a full-scale miniature three-floor gambrel-roof house in New York's Westchester County. Her garden is planted with herbs and Damask Provençal rosebushes—the kind that produces the best roses for her famed potpourri (AH, November 1970). You've seen parts of her house in our pages, for we often use her 18th- and 19th-century American furniture and her collections of old Staffordshire, Cantonware, bisque, scrimshaw and early samplers for photographic settings. Dorothy made the hooked rugs on her floors and has stenciled a great big pineapple on a wall leading to her kitchen, for the pineapple is an early American symbol of hospitality.

If you, too, have caught the crafting spirit, you'll find in this issue many beautiful things to make of macramé and batik, patchwork, braiding, weaving and crochet. And in the issues to follow, Dorothy will bring you more and more designs sure to inspire your own creative hands at home.

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When life along the Los Angeles freeways grew too hectic. this California family traded it all for the vintner's life in the upper Napa Valley.



Schramsberg winery (above), grower of grapes since 1862, is 200 lush acres. Parts of its paradise: a pond, a redwood grove and gnarled olive trees interspersed among the vines.

Jack and Jamie Davies (right) keep careful count of the champagne they put up to age. Schramsberg's six caves of volcanic rock are really tunnels once dug by Chinese railway workers. Caves like these are still the best places to store wine.



All the Davies clan on the porch: Youngsters are Hugh, 5, John, 7, Billy, 10. The family is slowly restoring the old farmhouse to its former charm. Besides the main house, there are adobe outbuildings and a stone cabin Jack uses for an office.

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Jack and Jamie Davies live where the grapes grow. For many years. Jack was just another wine buff, whose devotion extended no further than The Wine and Food Society, of which he was a member in good spirits. Then, six and a half years ago, he traded a soaring business career for the more earthy life of a full-time California vintner. "We were living in Los Angeles," says his wife, Jamie, "when Jack and I found ourselves searching for a richer environment-someplace where we could show our children how to live life to the fullest with values that were truly important, someplace which could provide a future for us all."

And so the Davieses and a group of friends formed a corporation and bought Schramsberg, a historic old winery in Calistoga, Calif., part of the upper Napa Valley. Schramsberg, founded in 1862 and the romantic inspiration for Robert Louis Stevenson's essay, "Napa Wine," had fallen on lesser times. The vineyards no longer produced grapes and the once-gracious farmhouse was sagging at the beams. The Davies family moved in and began (continued on page 153)



That's why your clothes should be washed in cold water.

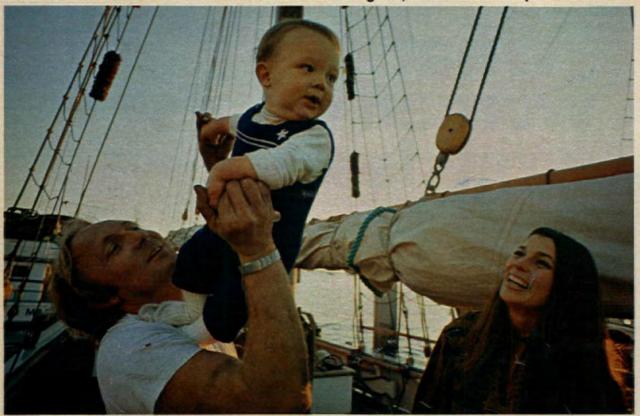
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When is a home not a house? For these San Diegans, when it's a ship named Sara.



Yuri, being held aloft, is as seaworthy as his mom and dad, Susan and Don Hauswald (above). Whether their ship is in port or under sail, Yuri loves to play on deck-always under the watchful eyes of his parents, of course. Special rigging for his playing includes a lifeline.

Susan and Don Hauswald have what you might call a wet basement. They call it the Pacific Ocean. Their home is a 70-foot schooner named Sara. The 68year-old former cargo vessel once hauled cement, wood and grain out of her native Denmark, but now San Diego is her home port. Two and a half years ago, when the Hauswalds learned that Sara was to be retired and chopped down to firewood, they bought her for a song and set to building their dream house. Don, 37, who heads his own construction firm in Santa Monica, put his carpentry skills to work adapting the ship to family living without destroying her original character and seaworthiness.

"Because my business is wood," says Don, "I wanted to keep Sara in her natural state—a wooden ship." Topside, Sara is just another trading vessel, all ropes, winches and other sailing gear. There is no polished brass, no fringed awning, no fancy deck chairs. "Sara is proud to be a ship and not a yacht," say the Hauswalds. But below deck, she's something else. Susan, a former dancer and a graduate in interior design of Woodbury College in Los Angeles, naturally planned it all. Furnishings are a mixture of rustic Americana and treasures the Hauswalds collected in Europe. Their 19-foot (continued on page 153)

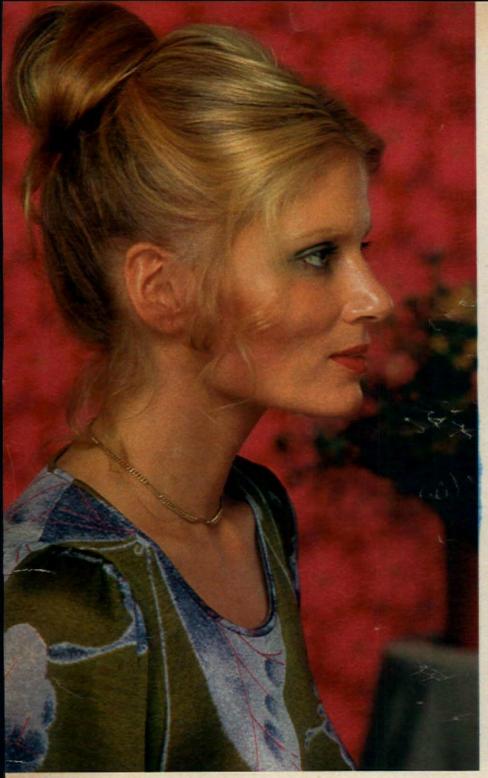
Even on brisk sea voyages Susan prefers baking her own bread in her bright, skylighted kitchen. To conserve water when they are far from port, she usually washes dishes and cooks with half fresh and half salt water.

The Hauswalds' "house" (far right) is their ticket to instant passage. The 1,000 - square - foot mainsail billowing before the wind means that the family is cruising the Pacific-house and all.









The party season is here again, and so is all-out, knock-'em-dead glamour, as women like Marjorie Brockman (above) discover the fun of romantic curls and bright makeup. Marjorie, busy with college studies and making a home for husband Michael in their Brooklyn Heights, N.Y., apartment, usually sticks to the towel-dry-and-shake school of hair setting. But she was a happy convert to the nostalgic hairdo you see above—styled by Lee Black of the Cinandre Salon in New York City. After

that we had makeup expert Stan Place introduce her to the frankly made-up Romantic Face.

For blonde Marjorie, Place created a warm, lightly bronzed look dramatized with greens. As foundation he used a water-base pale tan with a glaze of brown gel added for contrast. He played up Marjorie's deep green eyes with peacock shadow, mint highlights and dark green mascara. Her pale, lightened eyebrows were simply brushed, and her cheeks were hollowed with raspberry

THE GOOD-LOOKING HOMEMAKER By Constance Bartel

NOSTALGIA REVIVES THE ROMANTIC LOOK

powder. Most important to the overall effect, her lips were honeyed with an extremely dark, almost black, red.

We think that you too will find it exciting and adventurous to exchange the natural look for one that is obviously made up. You've probably applauded the same striking effect in films of the '30s and '40s, when cinema queens traded on their "glamour." There were Marlene Dietrich's thinly penciled eyebrows, Garbo's sultry eyes, Jean Harlow's bright lips. Now that this style of makeup is coming back, you can help yourself to its glamour, but with an important difference: Today's version is better. The early makeups were often heavy, masklike and terrible for the skin -the latest editions are lighter and often moisturized, reflecting 30 years of improvement in skin protection.

Exactly what is the new "nostalgic look"? Brighter lipstick and brighter nail polish—especially blazing, honest-to-goodness red; blushers that genuinely color cheeks, not just tint them. And smoldering eyes—eyebrows sometimes plucked and almost always played down with soft brow color; eye shadow softer and sootier, in smoked browns and grays.

But perhaps your complexion, be it dark or olive or sallow, is not flattered by the strong contrasts of the revival reds. In that case, you might go for the more softly coordinated shades, although still in deeper tones than those you wear now. (continued on page 20)





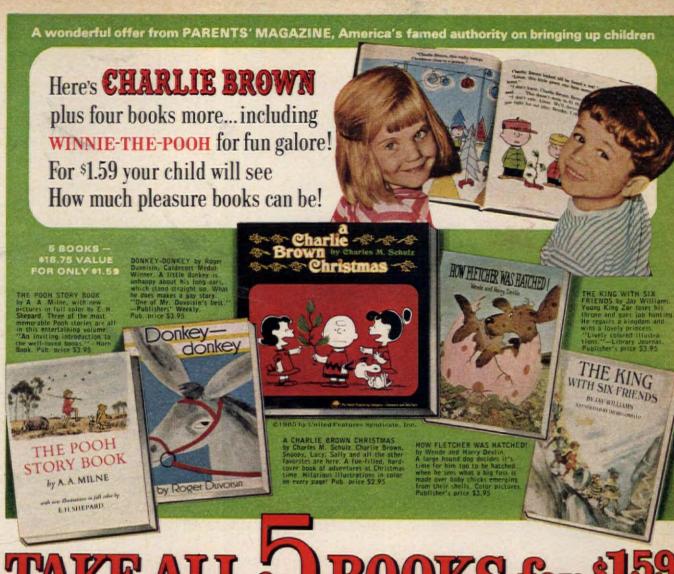


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Sophisticated Françoise Ficot, recently arrived from France with her journalist husband, loves holiday parties and favors a dramatic effect to match their special magic. She usually complements her tawny complexion with pink lipstick and dusky eye makeup. Stan Place updated her look to fit the new nostalgia by introducing violets, purples and deeper pinks. On a creamy-beige base dusted with a transparent powder, he applied a deep purple rouge. Françoise's eyes were shaded with smoky midnight violet, her lashes coated with royal purple and her brows extended with slate gray. Finally, Lee Black of Cinandre styled her soft shag to frame her face with curls, and Françoise was ready for a party.

To help you create your own holiday magic, here are a few makeup choices. Frances Denney calls her latest look "The Bright Face": cheeks lighted up with Incandescent Cheek Paints in "Sunny Red," "Perfect Pink" and "True Titian"; lips painted with Source of Beauty Lipstick in "Real Red," "Ripe Orange" or "Ripe Plum."

And at Elizabeth Arden, lipstick names clue you in on the mood: "Wayward Red," "Savage Pink," "Deviled Orange." For cheeks, Arden's cream rouges go from revival red ("Red Torchlight") to rich brown ("Good Earth"). Charles of the Ritz's Creative Color System consists of eight hypoallergenic eyemakeup products with 62 shades from "Citrus Lime" to "Laguna Purple."

If you want colors that set off your own skin tones, Avon's Ultra Sheer Under Makeup Moisturizer will help. Mauve warms up sallow skin; aqua cools too-ruddy skin; apricot adds life to olive.

And there you have the makings of a bright new face for this gay season.

THE BEAUTY COUNTER

The big Christmas shopping rush has begun, and cosmetics counters everywhere are all a-glitter with beauty gifts. Here are a few you may want to include on your gift list, to give or to wish for yourself.

Max Factor's new imported beauty treats are delightfully different, and each comes in the kind of container that's worth saving and displaying. Zingy, water-softening Irish Bath Crystals, comes in an impressive 16-ounce Kelly-green apothecary jar with green ribbon, \$5. Swiss Milk Bath has the clean smell of the Alps in a milk-white ceramic container with a cork stopper and blue bow. It's 8.6 ounces for \$4.50.

This year's way to give that masculine favorite, English Leather, is in a handsome wooden rack that can later convert to hold ties or belts. The \$10 set, called the "Hitching Post," contains three 4-ounce aftershave lotions: Regular, Lime and Windrift, each in a chunky bottle with wooden cap or cork stopper.

Little girls just beginning to primp before the mirror will love Tussy's Budding Beauty Collection. Imagine your 10-year-old's reaction to her own After Bath Set: 1 ounce each of Talc, Cologne, and Hand & Body Lotion, all for \$3. Or, for your seven-year-old, how about a Pretty Kitty Bath Set, with it's kittenshaped sponge and three pink soap balls, at \$2.50?

For the college or young career girl on your list, there's Frances Denney's Getaround Beauty Repair Kit for \$12.50. This wearable hip-hugger belt with makeup holster comes in a neutral vinyl, and both case and belt are fringed. The goodies inside the holster include a pot of incandescent cheek paint, a frosted lipstick, a compact of finishing powder and a .38-ounce bottle of mist perfume in Frances Denney's Hope Fragrance.

Does the girl on your list—or do you?
—have a lighted makeup mirror?
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BLOCK-BETTERING WITH ART

The New Yorker Theater, on Manhattan's upper West Side, long a landmark for fans of esoteric toreign films and vintage gems from Hollywood, is now a landmark of block beautification. Spurred by an interested neighborhood group, the theater's unsightly north wall—drab, dark brick, streaked with age and grime—has become a supersized, colorful mural that brightens an entire street.

The project was conceived last March when members of the West 89th Street Block Association—normally concerned with planting trees and improving street lighting—persuaded the theater owners that the wall should be painted. The owners agreed to pay for the actual work, and the block association set up a contest to find an appropriate design to cover the wall. Enough money was raised, through raffles and street fairs, to offer a \$500 prize for the winning entry.

When the contest was announced, the response was astonishing: 550 entries from 243 artists living in or near the neighborhood. A panel of six judges—



Joseph Grimaldi (above) won a \$500 prize for this building-high exterior mural, which, he says, brings art "to so many people who wouldn't go near a museum."

three from the arts, two from the neighborhood and one representing the theater owners—chose the winner: a design by Joseph Grimaldi, an architect and graphics designer.

"The shape of the design unfolds as you come close to it," says Grimaldi, describing his purple, yellow, black and red geometric that smiles down on the street. "Its gray background fits in with the other buildings, which have a gray tone." Through his efforts, the theater now has an attraction outside as well as in—and everyone in the neighborhood benefits, without having to buy a ticket.

MAKING LIGHT OF BEER CANS

Empty beer cans, the blight of highways, beaches and ball parks, are being reused decoratively in parts of Florida. Lumatech, a Fort Lauderdale firm, is buying empties from local taverns and turning them into attractive lamps. These "Lovespots" come in ceiling lamps, wall pendants and table versions. Covered with vinyl that can be ordered in various colors, they each fit into a base (all but the ceiling lamps swivel) and cost from \$13 to \$18.

In Orlando the recycling efforts of an aluminum-products firm, Walt Dittmer and Sons, Inc., are turning empty aluminum beer cans into architectural panels for use as room dividers or exterior facings on buildings.

Walt Dittmer, the company president, recalls: "One day, after draining a can of cold beer, I began to crush it in my hands—like a million other guys have done—and suddenly it came to me, 'This seemingly worthless thing could be used for something.'"

What that thing could be—light-weight architectural panels—came to him just about the time his foreman devised a means for crushing the cans automatically. The shiny panels Dittmer designed can be purchased for \$4.50 a square foot and are practically maintenance-free. "Some people like to see them with the original labels showing," says Dittmer. But for those who don't, any of a wide variety of colors can be sprayed on the panels, which are two or three feet wide and range up to 30 feet high.

Dittmer buys the cans in lots of 1,000 (for ½ cent each) from the local Budweiser distributor, which administers a can-reclamation program. His first commission—covering portions of an apartment-house facade with panels comprising 36,000 cans—was followed by work on a new post office, an old motel, interiors for a beauty salon and panels for department-store window displays. It would seem the lowly beer can, litterbugs' best friend, is fast becoming a decorating plus.

—Barbara Plumb





Two new uses for old beer cans are demonstrated above: At left are three of the lightweight (2½ pounds per square foot) panels made of crushed beer cans that were used to hide the balconies and handrails of a Florida apartment house. At right is one of the vinyl-covered "Lovespot" swivel table lamps that makes an empty beer can a joy to behold rather than a useless object to crush and throw away.



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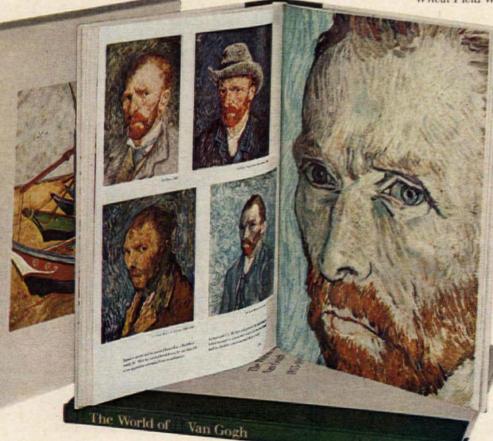
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New stackables and portables set a trend toward flexibility, convenience, economy.

THE BIG STACK-UP

With space ever at a premium, manufacturers and designers are stacking everything in sight-chairs, tables, glasses, entire dinner sets-in a neat pileup. Take Massimo Vignelli's Melamine dinnerware, for example, used by Don and Gillan MacDonald ("In the Open House Spirit," page 96). A 25-piece service—containing six (each) dinner plates, salad plates and soup bowls, two fruit bowls and one serving bowl with covers-it stacks as a unit on a rectangular tray for \$45 (all prices approximate). Or you can purchase the pieces separately to suit your particular needs, as the MacDonalds did. They find the trays, which also come square-shape, the perfect dinner plates for buffet-style serving. Trays are available in yellow or white, as we show, or in vibrant orange. There's also the Block China Co.'s "Chromatics," pictured in "Easy Holiday Hospitality," page 95. China and coordinated glassware nest compactly in a range of graduated tones of color.

New from Villeroy & Boch, the West German trendsetting china firm: a cylindrical coffee set—six mugs, pot, creamer and sugar—that will soon be added to their Avant Garde line. The coffee set has been designed as a companion to the company's ironstone "Sphere" (a superstacked dinner service for four) in the same pleasing color combinations of either green-yellow-orange or white-slatebrown. Priced at \$75, the set will be available through New York's Ceramar, Inc., which also distributes "Sphere."

Available right now from the Gabbianelli Collection at Beylerian, Ltd., in New York is a six-piece stacking tea set sculpted in white or red ceramic: two nested pots with tops and a metal warming plate, all resting on a hot-waterholding base, \$45. Separate matching cups and saucers and sugar bowl are also available at \$10 each.

From Directional Industries, Inc., come molded stacking chairs in white, tangerine, red or yellow ABS plastic (the stuff of which telephones are made—and that's durable). No chipping to worry about, because the color goes all the way through. At \$25 each, they're reasonably priced and great for children's rooms, patio or kitchen.

Another new stackable is the end product of a long evolution. It started with those heavy gunmetal-gray folding chairs you remember from high-school gyms and auditoriums. Imagine that same basic design in a gleaming lightweight tubular steel frame with seat and back of neutral clear plastic or translucent blue, yellow, rose or smoke. That's what the Plia chair is ("Plia" from the Latin "to fold"). Designed in Italy by Giancarlo Piretti, the chair is distributed in the U.S. by Krueger Metal Products of Green Bay, Wis., and priced at \$44. Plia chairs stack like a dream, vertically or horizontally, and fold away easily when not on use. But you probably won't want to hide Plia. It makes an elegant dining-room chair and is equally at home on a patio or beside a pool, if ordered with a white weather-protective coating over its steel frame. Decals to apply to the underside of the seat are available to add a distinctive personal touch. (continued on page 146)

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What's that funny little tweedling noise you hear when you're driving slowly? Or that thunk-thunking every now and then from the depths of the back seat? Is it merely a nuisance or a clear symptom of impending breakdown?

Whatever it is, one thing is certain it will stop the minute you get a mechanic to drive your car or ride along with you. No evidence that mechanical things have diabolically perverse minds of their own is more compelling than to have a bright-eyed mechanic tell you: "I don't hear anything, lady."

You don't mind the implication left hanging that you're probably projecting your own neurotic ills onto your car because, by golly, that noise stopped! All the way home you listen for it, try to trick it into happening with sudden stops and quick starts. You're smiling, growing ever more confident. Maybe all it needed was a good scare—like the tooth that stops aching the minute you dial the dentist. That noise is gone—until you turn into your driveway, of course. Tweedle, tweedle, thunk.

Some sounds in a car do come and go almost mysteriously-disappearing forever or recurring when only your ears can hear them. And how are you to know what's serious and what is not? Well, appearances to the contrary, mechanical things do not have spontaneous remissions. The symptoms may change, but the ills remain. If you want them eliminated, either you do so yourself or have that young man in the white coveralls with the blue piping keep listening until he does hear something. Or maybe you can describe everything to him with such clarity that he seems to hear it. It all comes out the same.

A mother with a sick child isn't expected to diagnose the illness and prescribe the cure, nor is a driver expected to direct the treatment of an out-of-order car. The important thing in both cases is the complete and accurate collection of symptoms to pass on to the expert. If a child has spots all over his chest, a temperature of 103°, a tongue as furry as a Christmas slipper and a cough like a wind-broken horse, you tell the doctor and it all means something to

him, hopefully. Similarly, if your car keeps stalling when you try to pull away from a stop sign, or shudders like a tired aspic when you back up—or tweedles and thunks—you do your best to pinpoint the evidence and the circumstances and pass them on to the mechanic. Hopefully, it will all mean something to him. (He's not really accusing you of extended hypochondria when he says he doesn't hear your particular noise; he's aware of the perversity of mechanical things, too.)

Try to make your description of the car's condition as precise as possible. And don't be afraid of sounding silly. If the noise makes you think of mice playing violins, say so. (I once had a mechanical problem tracked down after describing it as wire snakes fighting under the floorboards.) What you lack in mechanical knowledge, you can make up for in metaphors. Your flights of fancy may be just the thing to trigger a mechanic's ability to "hear" what you heard—and fix it.

Be sure to note the circumstances as carefully as possible. Does the tweedling sound occur all the time, or only when you are driving slowly, or turning right, or before the car is warmed up, or what? And just where does the sound come from? Sound in cars travels in strange ways, and origins are much more difficult to ascertain than you might think. It is particularly difficult to discover exactly where a sound is coming from when you are trying to drive and listen at the same time. Enlist the aid of another pair of ears-preferably small ones whose owners rather enjoy the detective game of getting as far under the dashboard as possible or lying flat on the floor of the back seat to pinpoint tweedles and thunks.

These helpful small ears can also assist you in tracking down annoying rattles that you know are not serious, except that they put your teeth on edge. A morning spent with a second pair of ears, a screwdriver or two and a wrench can do much to rid your car of nuisance noises. Cold days are best for such rattle therapy because the metal has shrunk. Handles, instrument housings, aerials

ashtrays—anything that might have worked loose or might work loose can be snugged up.

One of the best places to check, in tracking down annoying noise, is your luggage compartment. What sounds gravely menacing-as if a wheel is coming off every time you turn-might be a baseball or other free object rolling back and forth, bumping against things. (Having a mechanic discover that this is your bête noir is rather like paying a TV repairman to discover that your set is unplugged.) Maybe something less obvious than a ball or articles you've left in the trunk has just enough free play to thud against the inside of the fender well whenever you hit a bump or turn a sharp corner. Shift things about and stuff tightly together so nothing can move.

Of course, there is nothing more annoying than a sound that cannot be traced. The story is told of a bored Detroit auto worker who sealed a pop bottle deep in the innards of one of the cars that moved past him on the line. Perhaps he felt that was the only way he could make his efforts noticed. They were noticed, all right, but it took the purchaser and a host of mechanics months of serious searching to discover the source of that thunk.

Simple routine maintenance will keep many bothersome noises out of your car -especially those that signal the need for extensive and expensive overhauls. Keeping the proper fluids in the transmission, crankcase, wheel bearings, differential and all such places is critically important. The owner's manual that came with your car (it's that book in the glove compartment you leafed through once) will tell you what's expected. And a regular maintenance schedule, kept either with your car dealer's service department or a trusty corner filling station, will make sure these vital liquids are attended to.

Having your engine oil checked frequently and keeping the level above minimum will prevent those metalagainst-metal sounds that can destroy an engine. Too little oil, or oil that is dirty, causes rapid wear. (continued)



HYPOCHONDRIAC continued

It used to be that cars had oil-temperature gauges, or at least oil-pressure gauges on the instrument panel, to keep a driver apprised of the state of lubrication in his fast-moving engine parts, but rarely is that the case with the newer American cars. The gauges have been replaced by a simple warning light, known as an "idiot light," that flashes on to indicate serious problems in the oil department. (Or at least there were serious problems; by the time some of the idiot lights are activated, it might be too late.) It is simpler to keep the oil level upand change it and the oil filter at least as often as the owner's manual recommends.

Keeping a car lubricated is a simpler procedure than it used to be. Fewer places require the attention of the man with the ping-g-g-pinging grease gun. And newer cars can usually go longer between times for being hoisted up on the rack. All this means, however, that the places that do need attention sometimes get slighted. Again, follow your owner's-manual recommendations. You might find that some noises persist after the treatment. They are not mere annovances; they mean excessive wear is taking place.

Humming or knocking noises can come from almost anywhere in your car

-the engine, the gearbox or the driv shaft and differential. Even tires hum: you can tell if you have a tire noise because it changes with the texture and surface of the roadway. Another tireconnected noise you might notice is a sort of thumping-the kind you might expect if the tires weren't exactly round. That's exactly the case. Some tires, particularly radial-ply tires with nylon cords, get slightly flattened on the bottom from sitting overnight. Simply drive for a while-a little running and warming up is necessary before they regain their shape.

If you hear an unaccounted-for humming or knocking, you can start tracking down its source by driving along and slipping into neutral (or stepping on the clutch, if you have a manual shift) and racing the engine. If the noise changes pitch or intensity, it's most likely in the engine.

> The ventriloguist qualities of sounds in a car are never more evident than when noises originate in the wheels or the drive system. Sounds are magnified, distorted and appear to be coming from almost anywhere or everywhere. Test this, if you like, by putting a couple of pebbles inside a hubcap and driving around for a while. Accidental stones can cause similar consternation. A small rock once kicked up off a dirt road and lodged itself against a drive shaft in a sports car I was driving. I thought I was dragging chain mail over an iron bridge. Small branches that might get stuck under your car can masquerade as a variety of sounds, too.

> Brakes have their own noises. At one time brakes that squeaked usually meant that the linings had worn down to the point where the rivets were scraping on the brake drum. But that is not always true today. With some cars it might be normal for the brakes to squealparticularly if they have a hard lining that takes a good deal of use to reach the point of best efficiency. Some sports cars have brakes like this. Many cars now have disc brakes, some of which have a disconcerting but apparently harmless tendency to squeal-particularly when used in dusty conditions. Find out what is the normal thing for your car.

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what is normal for your engine, too. Lift up the hood and listen to it sometime, preferably when it has just been tuned and is in good shape. If you know what it sounds like healthy, you'll have an easier time detecting early symptoms of illness. It is also a good idea to know your car's normal instrument readings. If a doctor didn't know that 98.6° was considered a healthy body temperature, for example, he wouldn't know that 102° was unhealthy. And engine noises are difficult enough to distinguish; after all, the engine is one big noise to begin with.

Listen to other engines, too, including a "clunker" or two. Hear that slap-slap-

ping? That's probably a worn piston. That tap-tap-tapping in some engines is what is known as "tappets." They are probably too loose if your untrained ear hears them clearly, but it's better that they're too loose than too tight.

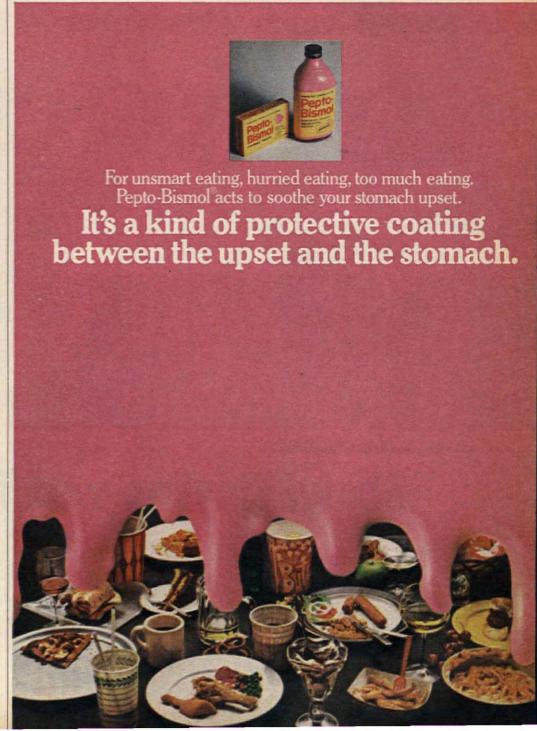
The occasional roughness you hear in an engine may be bad spark plugs or bad valves. And the metallic rapping may be a piston wrist pin. But the general health of these matters can be determined by removing the plug and looking at it or by a compression check—and these are both tasks that are simple enough for a mechanic.

If your engine misses, the cause may be a faulty plug or simply dirt in the carburetor or fuel lines. You don't need to speculate. Just notice the miss and notice under what conditions it occurs, when the engine is under pressure—that is, accelerating or climbing a hill—or only when you are slowing down or coasting. It is important to notice these things. The circumstances are always part of the symptoms.

Should your engine suddenly become louder, you may have a leak in your muffler, or it might have come adrift. This is a particularly dangerous situation because carbon monoxide can be escaping into your car. The concentration may not be strong enough to kill you, but it can make you woozy and cause an accident. Nonfunctioning mufflers are not just deterrents to conversation, they can be killers.

One of the most easily recognizable noises you're apt to hear from your engine warns of a malady you might be able to remedy yourself—and without even getting out of your car. In starting out from a light or straining to ascend a hill, does your car make a sort of pinging noise? That sound (also known as "pinking," "knocking" and "detonation") means you are probably using a gasoline whose octane rating is too low for your engine. The pinging will probably disappear if you have the fuel tank filled with premium or super, rather than regular, when you buy gas. Your car should have more zip, if you do. Engines that ping tend to be sluggish.

Pinging is more and more common these days, because many pollutionconscious people are avoiding gasolines to which tetraethyl lead has been added. Heretofore, adding it has been the simplest and cheapest way to raise the octane rating of gasoline to the high levels needed by modern high-compression engines. Gasoline companies are trying to come up with a substitute that will not require pollutants and will still deliver adequate power potential to today's engines. Judging from the plenitude of pings one hears these days, success hasn't been as all-pervading as the TV commercials suggest. But the way some people look at it, to ping is to be patriotic. END



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Brighten the holidays, un-holidays and, happily, ever after with these relaxed, rule-free ideas for wreath-makings, wine tastings, cook-ins, beer blasts, Sunday night socials and more.

In the beginning it was nothing but fun. One sundown Jim Piltdown came home from the hunt with a mastodon that was just too much for the wife and kids to eat at one crouching. So Martha P. got on the drums and invited a few neighbors over to break bones. The night of the party (that's what they decided to call it), the fire was bright, the cave was crowded and noisy, and though there weren't enough sitting rocks to go around, everyone ate and chanted and wrote on the walls and had a great time.

Then someone started making rules. And a mere 100,000 years or so later, enormously tasteful ladies like Emily Post could fill whole lifetimes writing books about what to engrave on invitations and where to put the fish fork. Entertaining wasn't very. There were Parties That Counted—like sit-down dinners and luncheons and teas for the ladies (men took their stag shenanigans down to the Elks). And after Scott Fitzgerald and repeal, cocktail parties were okay, too.

You could have eight or 12 or maybe 16 for dinner with all the courses, which was costly and self-conscious and often dull. Or, when you realized you "owed" a whole lot of people, you could have a crowd in for Scotch and martinis, and you never got to talk to anybody.

Today's Big Party Picture is something else. Thanks to 10 or 15 years of resourceful hostesses who bent the rules one by one—Mrs. Buffet, the Barbecues, who first served steaks outdoors, and Patty Brunch, who might have thought of a better name for it—there are no more hidebound, can-and-can't laws about party-giving. You can still give an elegant dinner or a smashing cocktail party, but you don't have to.

Anytime from morning to midnight is party time. Any food is party food —from pea soup to scrambled eggs to Stroganoff—if it's something you

like making and people like eating. And with the wide choice of convenience foods that is now available, you can make all kinds of delicious dishes quickly and easily. Any occasion, from Ground Hog Day to New Year's Eve or good old Thank God It's Friday, becomes The Occasion, if that's the way you feel about it. The only rule that counts is the one that says, "Have fun," which goes for hostesses, too.

So with the holidays and all those other days ahead, here are some thoughts about lighthearted parties: the kind you might find as entertaining to give as to go to.

HOLIDAY DO'S

The only trouble with holiday entertaining is that everybody does it. Which is all very well if you've already established an annual claim on Christmas Day or Twelfth Night or (perish forbid!) New Year's Eve. Otherwise, if you're serious about giving a party between mid-Decemebr and New Year's week, send written invitations early (three or four weeks ahead) and pray a lot. Consider these variations on the usual holly-day themes.



An Irish-Coffee Party: Try this anytime you can find a time slot—especially on a Sunday afternoon when you can be "open house" about hours and people can come and go. More people like Irish coffee than eggnog and will drink it all afternoon, which means you won't have to set up a hard bar besides.

Provide the makings and directions (1 jigger Irish whiskey plus a scant teaspoon of sugar for each stemmed glass-place a spoon in the glass, fill with strong, hot coffee; top with whipped cream) and someone to tend them. Serve sliced fruitcake, nuts (some shelled, some with a nutcracker), hard and soft cheeses with oat biscuits or graham crackers. (For a smaller group whose tastes you're sure of, you might mull wine or butter hot rum.) A Wreath-Making Party: Do it the weekend before Christmas or even earlier, instead of having a Christmas Eve tree-trimming when everyone tends to feel frantic or guilty about not being home. Start with ready-made evergreen wreaths (one per person or per couple) or Styrofoam rings, a big stack of pine or fir boughs and clippers that work. Ask guests to bring ribbon, ornaments, fake fruits, pinecones (retail value not over \$1 per person). Serve coffee and beer, then a sturdy late supper: a substantial soup, French bread, salad, cheeses and fruit.

 A Wrapping-Paper Party: Schedule this any vacation afternoon for kids from three to 12 (not more than six at a time). Stock up on Magic Markers and rolls of white shelf paper, and let them draw their own. Mothers will bless you, and the results can be splendid. Serve two kinds of ice cream, cupcakes, candy canes.

ANYTIME HAPPENINGS

• A Wine-Tasting Party: Vary the standard cocktails from 6:00 to 8:00, or drinks after dinner, with this idea. (continued on page 52)

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Melt the baking chocolate over simmering water and add to butter and sugar creamed together well. Add buttermilk and flour which has been sifted with the soda, baking powder and salt alternately, then the well-beaten egg yolks, and lastly the whites stiffly whipped, and the vanilla.

Pour into three well-greased and floured 9-inch cake pans. Bake in moderate oven (350 degrees) for 30 to 35 minutes. Put together with thick white or chocolate icing.

Essentials: a selection of wines (a half-bottle per person); baskets of French bread chunks, bread sticks and cubes of a mild cheese for palate-clearers; one glass per guest; and, for rinsing between tastings, a big pitcher of water and a large empty bowl or bucket. Make the wines reds and whites, French, German, Californian. Your wine-and-spirits-shop man can help you choose.

Experts recommend a drinking order that runs from white to red, dry
to sweet, light to heavy. You may or
may not want to cover the labels and
number them. But do have each
guest write down his reactions; then
compare them over coffee, sandwiches and/or cake (depending on
the hour) and brandy. Or, if your
bunch isn't all that wild about wine,
how about a Saturday night Beer
Tasting with a similar setup (serve

strudel with the coffee), or a Cheese Sampling with wine or beer?

· A Sunday Brunch: Here's probably the most relaxed kind of entertaining there is, because you've got all that cook-ahead time and not all that much to do. Order extra Sunday papers (especially if you're contending with crosswords fiends). Offer two kinds of starters-one spiked, one not: orange juice with and without white wine; consommé and hot bullshots; Bloody Marys and dilled tomato soup. Give some thought to a main dish that's not exactly expected (off-beat but not off-putting is what you're after): cheese and onion pies, curried eggs, seafood and mushrooms on toast, eggs scrambled with lox and onions. Make full use of stay-warm trays, serving dishes and the like. But you don't have to chain yourself to a chafing dish unless you enjoy

cooking with an audience. The rest of the buffet menu can go any way you like. It should offer a choice of breads, sliced meats (thin-sliced London broil is a nice surprise), cheeses, fruit, lots of coffee and a small sweet taste (schnecken, coffee cake, brownies) to finish with.

• A Special-Dish Party: Invite people

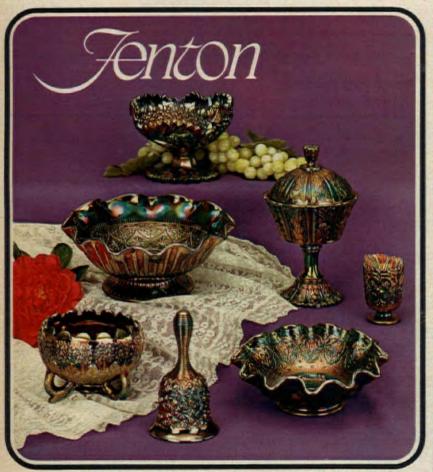
to come for paella, cassoulet, spaghetti with your special sauce-any cook-ahead main dish that a) you're marvelous at and b) can be done in quantity. If the main dish is great and there's lots of it, the rest of the menu is simple-maybe with a matching national flavor: white Spanish Rioja wine, crusty bread, flan and fruit with the paella; green salad with cucumbers, a light red wine, sourdough French bread and peach tart with the cassoulet; Chianti or California red wine, garlic bread, zucchini salad, fruit and cheese with the spaghetti. Fondues cheese or beef with all the sauces are great if the group is not too big.

• A Good Old-Fashioned Beer Blast: Tap a half-keg of beer (for any number up to 30; the Yellow Pages will tell you who sells and delivers), rent steins and do the checkered-table-cloth bit. Set out enormous bowls of pretzels, potato chips, fat dill pickles, hard-cooked eggs. Serve hot dogs with all the fixings (mustard, relish, catsup, chopped onions, sauerkraut, sour cream), hot or cold potato salad and coleslaw. Another time you can make it build-yourself-hero-sandwiches with salami, peppers, tomatoes et al; cherry strudel and/or chocolate cake.

 Midwinter Cook-In: Charcoalbroiled steaks (or barbecued chicken or ribs) taste as great in December as they do in May. So if you've got the fireplace for it (it should have a good strong draft), set up the hibachi and get to work. Add all the summer trimmings—up to and including corn on the cob and watermelon, if you can find them.

• A Sunday Night Social: Homey and informal, the emphasis should be on good talk, good unfancy food and lots of it. Offer two kinds of soup (say, pea soup and Scotch barley) with sandwiches and salad, fruit and gingerbread, if you're doing your own things. Or make it a neighborhood party with good-cook friends contributing casseroles (keep track, so they won't all be macaroni and cheese); you do a special salad (cold cooked vegetables or green beans dilled or tossed with artichoke hearts) and a cake.

 Before or After Party: Ask people to drop by for dessert and coffee before a P.T.A. meeting, the bowlingleague finals or the museum's benefit preview. Serve two desserts (one fat, one skinny), after-dinner coffee (maybe cappuccino) and mints: have tea ready just in case.
 After the Club Follies, serve any supper as long as the (continued)



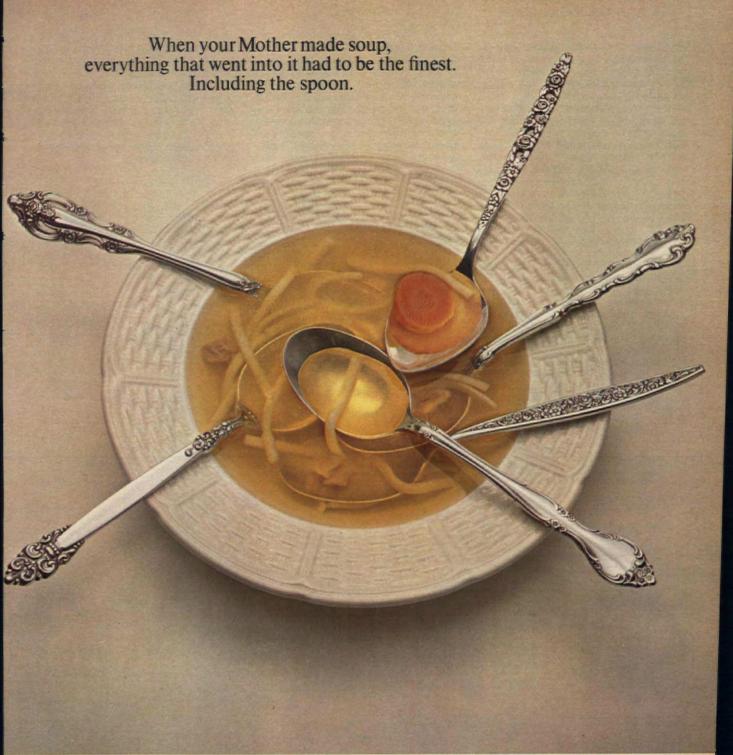
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• A Look-Who's-Here Party: Star Auntie Mame from Toledo or the new couple who's moved in down the block. What makes the fun is focus. If Auntie M. has friends in town, concentrate on them rather than on yours, plus perhaps a couple of people she hasn't met but who share her interests. Serve her favorite dishes.

If it's newcomers, invite the neighborhood, including kids their kids' ages. (We ought to mix ages more than we do.) Ask your friends—who'll be theirs—to contribute their best casseroles, breads, salads, desserts, with recipes on three-by-five cards as a welcome gift.

• Birthday Parties, J.G.: If you're terrified by a horde of children (any number over two), bored and/or unskilled at the games they play, take them out to the ball game (boys, 10 to 90), a children's play (girls or

boys, 5 to 9), a space movie or a Disney (if you can take it). Go skating (qualified amateurs, any age) or bowling (check with the alley owner ahead of time). Hamburger, ice cream and cake them first, so they can be dropped off on the way home. Limit the party to four unless you can persuade a "volunteer" friend to go along. Or rent a simpático teen-ager (one who's done this

sort of thing before) to plan and cope with games, help with feeding. Really special thoughts: a hayride; a paint-in (messy, but super if you have a basement, brown paper, masking tape for hanging and stacks of old Sunday papers); a winter picnic (rent window-display grass for the floor, serve lunch in take-home beach pails). You may even have a good time yourself.



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Assuming that, in your neighborhood as in ours, choice "e" would be read as unfriendly and that 16 guests (or 12 or 20) is the number you really want on this particular party day or night, there's something to be said for each of the other alternatives. Which will work best for you depends on time, setting and atmosphere—the kind of total feeling you want your party to have.

If money and storage space are no object, buying matching extras is the lovely luxe thing to do—especially if you plan to do the big dinner-party bit often. Extra plates in a complementary, less costly pattern than yours and extra stainless steel flatware are other possibilities. But to devote square yards of shelf space, not to mention considerable cash, to china, glasses and silver you'll only use once a year gives cause for pause.

EVERYTHING NEEDN'T MATCH

Before going any further, invest some reappraisal time. What kind and how many extras do you really need? When Great Grandmother had 12 at table, everything matched. But today's prettiest tables—even those of hostesses endowed with the wherewithal to do the look-alike thing—are as often a mixture of loved and complementary patterns as they are of identically twinned ones. Especially if you're seating

your guests at more than one table or serving the first course with drinks (or dessert with coffee in the living room), blending plates of different sizes and patterns may not only help solve your numbers problem but also make your party prettier. Alternating color-related plain or banded and/or floral-patterned china around one big table, or setting two tables for eight with compatible-though not identical-silver, glasses and dinner plates, often looks more appealing than a table or tables set with things that are identical but dull.

If you're bent on buying extra, glassware—from wines for dinner to steins for beer—has always seemed to us to add the most style for the least cash outlay. (For more about glassware, see "Better Buy the Dozen" on page 78.)

THE ONLY RULE

The only rule that really counts these days is, "Use your imagination." If you're short on soup bowls, pour hot tomato-clam broth into punch cups and pass the crackers. Or do a slight menu switch—from soup to a sliced pâté or an artichoke-heart first course—to make use of the extra plates you do have instead of the bowls you don't.

Now, having pared your list of essential extras to its irreduciblest, how about Nancy Nextdoor? For borrowing the word is "caution." The more so the fonder you are of Nancy. She may be generous to a fault, but break one of her Waterford glasses or her Limoges dessert plates and the fault will not only be yours, but it may haunt the neighborhood for some time to come. Silver serving pieces and flatware in a current pattern are generally safe to ask for and receive. But breakables-unless you know a store that has replacements in stock right now-are better left unborrowed. And for things even vaguely heirloom, the word is, "Never.

RENTAL SOPHISTICATION

Which brings us face to face with the rental picture. If the mere mention conjures up visions of dinerthick cups and plain pipe chairs, look again. Today's city and suburban rental experts are a good deal more sophisticated than that. Though there's still enough glass ugliness around to sink a party boat, many firms these days offer not one, but a choice of quite presentable china patterns. You're also likely to have your pick of a heavy silver, a standard plate and stainless-steel flatware. The range of miscellaneous rental items-from cigarette urns to champagne buckets, from kids' chairs to clam potsis more than enough to solve all sorts of hostess problems, even those you haven't got.

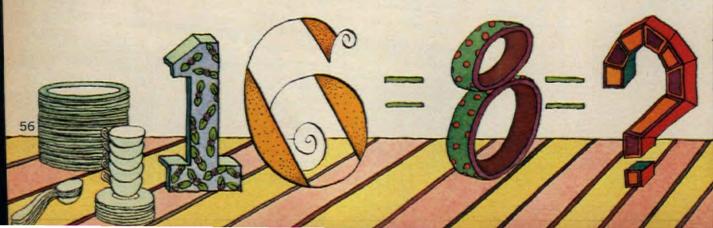
If your wants are simple—say, highball glasses, a coat rack and an extra folding table, ordering by phone is fine. But when choices of pattern and style are involved, seeing can make the difference. Some firms will send representatives with pictures and samples. Better still, go where they are, look and select

firsthand.

LOOK BEFORE LEAPING

China plates, serving pieces and especially cups and saucers should be checked individually, since the best-looking pattern in dinner plates may have a dumpy shape in its creamed-soup cups. Silver serving pieces should be seen close up too, since they are not universally graceful or may be scarred from continuous use. But in flatware you're generally safe picking your pattern and going with it, whether forks or whole place settings are what you need.

The rental things we've found most useful are behind-the-scenes aids like a 40-cup coffee maker, a big salad bowl, a punch bowl and cups, folding tables for bar setups or eating at, (continued on page 66)



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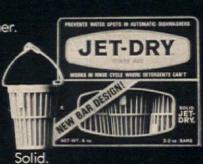
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A REEL WINNER By Sylvie Reice

For the sweet sound of success, try programming your own personalized party music on tape.

Have you noticed how some parties swing from the moment you step through the door, while others never get off the ground? What is the secret vitamin? Music—instant harmony—the universal language that overcomes shyness, bridges small talk, offsets awkward silences. Step into a room where music is already making a festive din and you're immediately buoyed on its current. If hostesses spent half as much time planning their music as they do their refreshments, their parties would be twice as successful. For music is a potent ally.

As surely and subtly as any movie director spellbinds his audience with a sound track, so can you use music to set the tone of a party—to jazz things up or quiet things down. You can, in fact, like a director, program a "party sound track" ahead of time with a tape recorder. It's easy and inexpensive fun.

You could, of course, use records for your music and pace them, too. But there are special effects you can achieve only with tape—repetition of thematic music, for instance; interjection of voices and other live sounds; the lifting of specific selections out of an album; not to mention the convenience of two or more hours of uninterrupted playing. And, of course, you can record from FM radio, other tapes, TV. What's more, tape is so fantastically flexible, you can keep bringing your sound track up to date.

You don't need complex equipment. Any tape player-recorder, whether cassette or reel-to-reel, can do the job. Blank cassettes come in four lengths, which means up to two hours of entertainment. Blank tapes for reel-to-reel recorders give up to four hours of listening pleasure, depending on the recording speed. Generally the best sound reproduction is achieved on a reel-to-reel machine recording at 7½ inches per second. However, the latest developments in cassette tapes have greatly improved their sound fidelity. And for party purposes, the difference in reproduction is unimportant.

Approximate prices of the topbrand cassettes are:

\$1.70 for 30 minutes \$2.25 for 60 minutes \$3.50 for 90 minutes \$4.00 for 120 minutes Open-reel tapes range from: \$2.95 for 600 feet to \$5.45 for 1.200 feet

Thus you can itemize your party music at about \$5 or less—a "reel" bargain considering that you can erase the tape and re-use it for another recording.

COLLECTING YOUR MUSIC

Assembling the party track can be quite leisurely, once you decide on the mood and theme you want. The idea is to remain "plugged in." Keep a recorder handy and start collecting music on a working tape. You might suddenly want to tape your favorite superstar while watching TV, or record some music from the radio while you are preparing dinner. When you're in good voice, you may want to record yourself singing "Happy Birthday" or "I Wish You a Merry Christmas." You may want to capture a friend's wit

or laugh. To make transfer to the master sound track easier, you'll need readings as to the positions of these pieces on your working tape, as well as notations on their length in minutes.

Your next step is to assemble records to be taped-your own, borrowed or newly bought. With paper and pencil, make a list of the proposed contents of your master tape in the order you wish to record them. Include record selections still to be taped and the items on your working tapes. Add up the time they take, then edit the choices to fit the tape length before the final recording. To transfer the bits and pieces of selected music, conversation, etc., onto a programmed master tape, you will need a second machine, especially if you are using a cassette recorder. Reel-to-reel tapes can be spliced like film.

MAKING PARTY TAPES

EQUIPMENT

1. Tape recorder (cassette or reel-to-reel)

2. Record player and amplifier for record selection input

3. Another tape recorder for input of prepared tapes

4. Adapter cord (if necessary)

5. Tape: spool or cassette

WORKING ELEMENTS

Written record of the position of a selection on a tape

List showing time required for each selection

List of contents for final tape, with timing of each selection

ELEMENTS FOR FINAL TAPE

1. Selections taped from radio or TV

2. Records recorded

3. Voices and sounds

SELECTING YOUR MUSIC

The music you select will naturally depend on the kind of party you're giving. But all gatherings should open with lively music, preferably loud. A "themed" party should state itself musically right from the start. At a Twenties party, for instance, let "No, No, Nanette" (Columbia) usher the guests into the mood. To learn how to pace your musical score, listen to any pop artist. Loud, fast numbers alternate with quiet ones. And there's a variety of rhythms—Latin, rock, etc.

Rock is the perfect blast-off for a cocktail party. But if you can't take rock, any of Herb Alpert's Tijuana Brass is bouncy enough for openers. Any Sergio Mendes is rhythmical. Any Duke Ellington swings. After a loud and lively half hour, come on gentle with something like Eugene Ormandy's super-romantic "Love Story" (RCA). The first side, adding up to 24:09 minutes, is all great, including the title song, the Elvira Madigan love theme, the poignant Lennon-McCartney "Yesterday" and the haunting "Windmills of Your Mind."

Time now to move people out of conversational ruts and jazz things up. To do it, try (continued on page 67)



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- Add RICE KRISPIES cereal and stir until well-coated.
- 3. Press warm mixture evenly and firmly into buttered 13 x 9 x 2-inch pan. Cut into squares when cool.

Yield: 24 (2-inch) squares

Note: About 2 cups marshmallow creme may be substituted for marshmallows. Add to melted margarine and cook over low heat for about 5 minutes, stirring constantly. Proceed as directed in step number 2 above.



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By Jacques Jaffry

WELL-PLANNED BUFFET

What worked for Louis XIV works even better today if you follow this step-by-step plan.

When that pleasant little sit-down dinner for 10 that you've been planning suddenly seems to be expanding into a holiday gala for 30, don't wring your hands and compromise on a cocktail party. Serve dinner,

buffet style.

The buffet party, which we are inclined to think of as a modern American invention, was, in fact, current practice in the 17th century when Louis XIV ruled France. Distinguished guests served themselves from long tables on which the dishes were set out, and then dined at tables that were set up here and there in the regal apartments of the Palace of Versailles.

The buffet dinner is still the best way to feed a great many guests, royal or otherwise. But-attention!informality must be meticulously planned. The most lighthearted buffet-the kind where people eat all over the house, sitting on the stairs, cross-legged on cushions on the floor, propped against a wall-demands the greatest care on the part of the hostess. The menu is imposed by the circumstances-only food that can be eaten with a fork

alone is possible.

A party like this is perfect for holiday entertaining, and there is a simple way to do it. Plan on one big main dish-enough for 30-boeuf bourguignon or a curry with its condiments or filled crepes. Crepes are my favorite (my recipe follows). With any of these, serve a huge bowl of salad and perhaps a couple of desserts. Maybe you will have some leftovers, but it is better to err on the generous side. Try to cook ample portions of less expensive foods rather than small portions of expensive ones.

PLANNING STEP BY STEP

Now for the planning. You must take this seriously; the success of your party depends on it. Decide which type of menu you want, taking into account your work space, refrigerator and storage space and the size of your range and oven. Make a survey of all equipment and utensils available. If you have decided on a large-scale boeuf bourguignon, make sure you have a pot big enough to cook it in. If not, look into the borrowing or rental possibilities. Find out how in "The Numbers Game" beginning on page 56.

Make a list of the food necessary for the recipes chosen, and shop for it reasonably well in advance-at least so you are not crying for carrots at the moment you should be

sautéing them.

Plan your buffet setting, making another list of silver, plates and glassware required. When there are more than 20 people, it is better to have two buffet lines. This can be done by centering your table and duplicating the dishes down each side. With a single line, guests are likely to shuffle along in army chowline fashion.

Plan for service and seating, if any. If you're expecting 20 people or so, you are going to need a helping hand to pick up the dirty dishes and keep the serving area tidy and wellstocked. At a well-planned buffet one person who is fast on her feet can take care of 15 guests. Somehow two people usually manage to take care of only two dozen. So

plan accordingly.

Getting down to specifics: If you are making one big dish, consider something that actually improves when reheated so you can make it ahead of time. And remember, some recipes do not take kindly to multiplication; when you triple a recipe, you don't triple the seasoning. Salt and pepper come on too strong, and while the dish is cooking, some of the liquid evaporates and further concentrates the flavor. In general, cut down on the seasoning and correct it when you reheat it for serving. For all braised meats cooked ahead of time, undercook them and let the reheating finish the cooking.

And now here is my recipe for my favorite-stuffed crepes. It is given with a choice of filling-one poultry the other seafood. Both are excellent for buffet serving and dining.

1 cup sifted all-purpose flour 1/4 teaspoon salt 3 eggs, beaten 11/4 cups milk 2 tablespoons melted butter or margarine

Sift flour and salt together. Combine eggs, milk and butter or margarine. Add to flour mixture. Beat until smooth. For each crepe, put 2 tablespoons batter into a medium warm, slightly greased 6- to 7-inch skillet. Tilt pan to spread batter evenly and make a very thin crepe. When crepe is delicately brown on the bottom, turn and brown second side. Repeat with remaining batter. Makes 24.

TO STORE MADE-AHEAD CREPES

In the refrigerator: Place cooked crepes in a single layer on a cookie sheet. Cover with wax paper to keep them from drying. Cool thoroughly. Stack cooled crepes gently. Wrap in transparent plastic wrap or aluminum foil. You can refrigerate them up to 2 weeks. When you are ready to use the crepes, remove from the refrigerator, unwrap and let them stand for half an hour at room temperature.

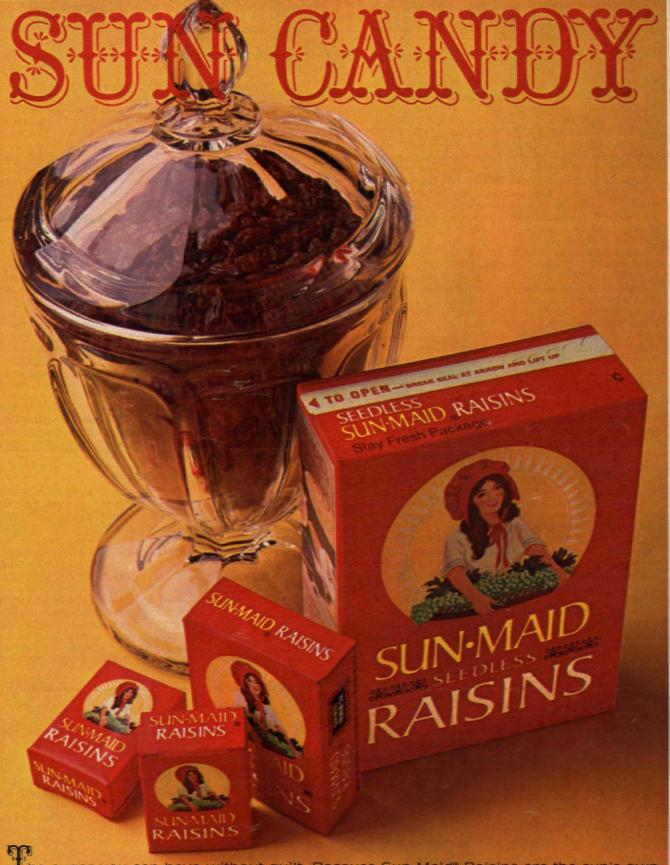
In the freezer: Cool crepes as above. Stack gently and wrap in heavy-duty aluminum foil. They may be kept in the freezer indefinitely. To use, thaw at room temperature, or place wrapped stack of crepes on a cookie sheet and into 250° or 350° oven just

until they thaw.

FILLING FOR CREPES

1/4 cup butter or margarine 6 tablespoons flour 2 cups milk or light cream 1/4 teaspoon salt Dash of cayenne 2 cups diced, cooked chicken, turkey meat, shrimp, crab meat or lobster

Melt butter or margarine in saucepan; stir in flour. Cook 1 minute over medium heat. Remove from heat. Add milk or cream, salt and cavenne. Stir rapidly with a wooden spoon, or beat vigorously with wire whisk. Cook over medium heat, stirring constantly, until sauce bubbles. Cook 1 minute longer. Stir in poultry or seafood gently. Correct seasoning to taste with salt and pepper. Place about 3 tablespoons of mixture on each crepe; roll crepes in cylinder shape. Makes about 8 servings. (continued on page 68)



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HELP FOR THE HOME BARTENDER

You can set up a smooth-running drinks department with the help of this no-nonsense guide.

In the mild hysteria that usually precedes an important party, a problem that benumbs and befuddles most normally clear-thinking hosts is how to stock the bar-what to order and how much. Actually, the amount of liquor your guests are likely to consume is fairly easy to estimate. Here are the basic calculations gleaned from professionals: A fifth of liquor will make 16 generous drinks; a quart will make 20. You can expect your guests to average two drinks each before a dinner party and three to four drinks each at a cocktail party. This, of course, is average-the self-indulgent who tend to overdo will be balanced by the near-teetotalers who nurse a single drink all night. Therefore 15 people coming for a cocktail party means you'll need about three quarts. That is all right as far as it goes, but the next question is, what three quarts?

WHAT TO ORDER

Scotch and other blended whiskeys are most popular in large cities, particularly in the Northeast. Bourbon is a big favorite not only in the South but also in the Southwest and in California, and it is gaining a foothold in the East as well. Vodka, ranked third in national preference, has gained favor because it is so versatile for mixed drinks. The increase in rum consumption seems to be the result of our need for novelty. And the sales of imported sherry skyrocketed when we discovered that it tasted great served on the rocks.

If you are entertaining old friends, you won't have a problem stocking the bar. But if you have invited some new faces, you may have to deal with new preferences. Your best bet is to start with a basic bar: Scotch, vodka, gin, rye, bourbon

and dry vermouth. Balance this with the prevailing preferences of your region or community. Your local liquor store can give helpful advice. Then add a few extras like rum, brandy, dry Spanish sherry or sweet vermouth and bitters (if you plan to serve Manhattans) and you have a bar that should please any guest.

Don't underrate your guests or yourself by serving the cheapest cut-rate brands you can find, on the theory that people don't notice. People do notice. But there is no need to fracture your budget either. A good, respectable middle-priced choice is your best bet.

MIXERS, GARNISHES, CUBES

You'll need mixers for whatever liquor you choose. Club soda, ginger ale and a pitcher of ice water are necessities. Quinine water (tonic) and Bitter Lemon are hot-weather musts that are growing in popularity for year-round use. Cokes, orange juice and perhaps tomato juice, for Bloody Marys, should complete your list. If you'd like to experiment with the unusual, there are some excellent prepared cocktail mixes on the market. Mixers should be served chilled. Only one or two bottles of each type should be on the working bar. Store the rest until needed.

Garnishes needed for the party include olives (always pitted), maraschino cherries (with stems), limes for wedges, lemons for peel. It's not a bad idea to have some orange slices for old-fashioneds and perhaps some cocktail onions for Gibsons.

Unless all your friends are English, ice is a vital element for any party bar. To save yourself from making desperate mid-party forays in search of an ice machine that works, be sure to have enough ice

on hand. Figure on four cubes per drink, or a dozen cubes per person, but always have extra. If you store the supply in the refrigerator, cover it. Ice picks up food odors, and a Scotch that tastes of broccoli will bother even the most undemanding of your friends. When you mix your drinks, add the ice first to avoid splashing. Drinks also chill faster when the liquid is poured over the ice cubes.

THE BAR

The bar should be easily accessible to the kitchen. Choose a long table that is large enough to hold the liquor, ice bucket, glasses, garnishes, mixers, mixes and bar tools—which should include a drink measure, bottle opener, corkscrew, shaker, mixing glass and stirrer, a small strainer, knife, cutting board and a lemon squeezer. If you want to save trips to the kitchen, keep extra ice handy in a big, insulated picnic chest. Place the table at the side of the room with about three feet behind it for maneuvering. Position it away from the food to avoid congestion.

A BARTENDER?

If you are planning to have 20 or more guests, perhaps you should hire professional help. Ask your friends for the names of reliable bartenders. You can also look in the Yellow Pages for catering services. Better still, contact local colleges. Many of them supply bright and eager youngsters at reasonable rates. If you don't want to go to the expense of having outside help, it's perfectly acceptable to make the first drinks and leave the rest of the mixing to your guests. You must find the style that works the best for you

The most important ingredient for any successful party bar is a relaxed and cordial host. If you order all the wrong liquor and the club soda is flat, if the ice melts and the garnishes go limp, it may be hard to pull off the party of the year. But circumstances rarely conspire to make everything fall totally apart. Some small things will surely go wrong, even at the most organized of parties. Do the best you can to cope, and whether you solve the problems or not, remember to smile a lot and enjoy yourself.



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THE GUESTS

It's not a party without them, but for the best re-

sults, who are they?

Mrs. Alfred Wilsey, who as Pat Montandon wrote How to be a Party Girl (Doubleday), puts her views in a nutshell: "The most important thing is that you really care about the people you are entertaining as special human beings. If you do, the rest just kind of takes care of itself. But," she admits, "I do stack the deck a little by combining good talkers and good listeners."

Mrs. Francis Hamilton, a San Francisco journalist, has her own philosophy of mingling. She insists that the people she likes generally like each other. "At least this holds up 95 percent of the time."

Public-relations specialist Anna Adams, who with her husband Jerry hosts frequent parties, says she always throws a few oddballs into the pot to add some spice.

And let me add a hard-learned personal postscript, known in my own bosom as Gray's Rule: Never invite two Lifes to one party. There is room for only one.

THE MAGIC NUMBER

For the small home dinner the favored number hovers between six and 10, depending on how many your table or tables seat. There is a valid reason though for holding to six or eight. Guests can participate as a group in a single good discussion, or split up naturally for easy *intime* talk. Most hostesses add that a round table makes for the best communicating. Guests can talk in all directions.

If you are programming a big bash—cocktails, buffet, whatever—there is, of course, no magic number. Limits are simply space and money.

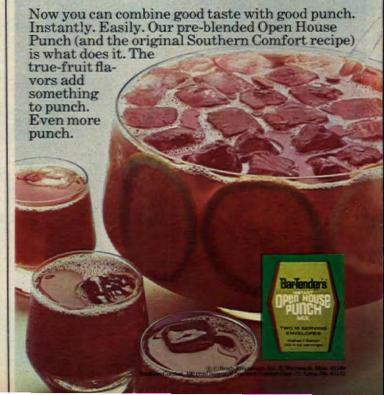
THE UNRUFFLED HOSTESS By Nancy C. Gray

Discover the Mitty-gritty of becoming a legendary party-giver, West-Coast style.

In my wildest Walter Mitty moments, I am the greatest party-giver. I am the Barbara Howar, the Charlotte Ford and the Buffy Chandler of Lower Lombard Street. I put together brilliant groups of people whose conversation rushes like the Colorado River. My menus are memorable. My tables have walked off the pages of the magazines. And, as for me, I am positively glorious—the picture of the perfect hostess, cool, relaxed, gliding effortlessly from group to group, enjoying every minute. It all seems so easy that from time to time I actually succumb. I plan a party.

At first blush the idea's fine. At second, it is something else again. This famous party-giver quavers. She grows ten thumbs. She wishes she could pass go, collect \$200 and forget the whole thing. Perhaps, though, the millennium has come at last. At this late date, I've rounded up a cache of helping hints from San Francisco hostesses who are masters of the party art. I happily pass their pointers along to you—what might be called the Mitty-gritty of giving a long-remembered party, of being the legendary hostess and, in the process, having fun.

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And, finally, here are some extra-special hints that are not usually found in the compleat party-

giver's manual:

From Pat Wilsey: "An important ingredient of good parties is, believe it or not, lighting. Get it down. Not dark, but dim." Soft light, Pat has found, is conducive to good conversation and the glow that goes with it. "If the lights are bright," she says, "you have a feeling of being on display. You think that every pore is showing and you feel squirmy and uncomfortable."

From Mrs. Frederick Heitkamp, Jr., an involved Marin County housewife: "The guest bathroom is part of the party and don't forget it. Stock it with plenty of towels, but not those dainty Lilliputian ones unless you don't mind having your guests seek out your own bath towels for drying their hands. To put your guests at ease (and that's the whole idea) have small, hand-size terrycloth towels handy, or, for a crowd, a fat pile of those snappy paper numbers, filed in a letter holder or a basket right where they are needed. Fresh soaps, too, not those button-sized ones, but real honest-to-goodness bars of pretty soap.

That's it from out panel. Now get out your own guest list and go to it.



INTRODUCTIONS

At a large party, Pat Wilsey introduces each new arrival to a small sampling of other guests, perhaps three or four, then leaves them alone. "If you make the full rounds with every guest you interrupt good conversation-awkward for everyone and just not necessary. I believe a guest has an obligation, too.'

If the group is small—the brunch/lunch or dinner gang—introductions are easy. Mildred Hamilton's rule for smooth meshing is: Brief each guest ahead of time with as many particulars as possible about the others. "After a couple of introductions, guests should fend for themselves," she says. "And it's really not so hard—in fact, it's half the fun."

If you're determined to have an ice-breaker, try

this: As each guest arrives, pin to his back a card on which you've printed a current Big Name (literary, show biz or political, for example). The guest must learn his own identity by asking questions of the oth-ers. The more questions he asks, the more clues he receives-and the more people he gets to meet and

The guests are under control, but are you? You are, says the panel of hostesses, if you are organized. There is an ancient saw that says you can do almost anything if you just practice the old four-letter word, P-L-A-N. But don't let anybody fool you. A party is still a lot of work, even if you hire bartenders and serving help. But it's fun work. And while there are shortcuts, it is still the careful, time-consuming preparation behind the scenes that makes the most unruffled "do's." As Anna Adams says, "Each time I learn another thing I can do beforehand. I've learned to take the time to analyze the meal so that all the tools and serving dishes are out, the hot tray ready for connecting, the candles anchored."



just be sure you have cloths to fit. Most companies deliver in sturdy containers within the working day you specify, and pick up the morning after the party. Some charge extra for walking up more than one flight; most require payment on delivery and set a minimum rental requirement of from \$10 to \$20 for delivery. But before you opt for cash-and-carry on a \$7.50 order, consider what your time is worth and how much of it would be spent in two round trips. Waiving the \$2.50 difference or taking two dozen extra teaspoons may turn out to be the better part of valor.

THE THROWAWAYS

But what about throwaways? How

about plastics and paper things? Aren't they easier still? Yes. And cheaper. In our local party store 25 clear plastic highball glasses cost under \$1.40—the price of renting 14 in glass, and less than you'd pay for one high-grade crystal glass. Plastic sizes and shapes are legion. Besides highballs, there are martinis, hollow-stemmed champagnes, footed cocktail glasses, old-fashioneds, punch cups and parfaits in transparent topaz and ruby and turquoise as well as clear white.

Thin-gauge plastic plates, bowls and deep dessert dishes—wreathed with posies or positive geometrics—have it all over their blotter-surfaced paper, or even their plastic-coated paper, ancestors. And the

plastic spoons, forks and knives bagged by the dozen and sold everywhere are reliable enough these days so that even men don't mind using them, provided the knives are for spreading, not for carving steak.

HOW ABOUT ECOLOGY?

Ecologically speaking, these handsomer, heftier plastic things just squeak by because, though they are hardly biodegradable, they can be washed, even dishwasherdoused, stored and brought out for your next party. Those nice plastic-base, cloth-feel napkins and even the colored paper kind don't fare so well, since only the white paper ones seem to be disposable without polluting aftereffects.

One drawback to plastic plates, perhaps because their wobble quotient increases with their size, is that they don't seem to come wider than nine inches—and you'll find that a shade too small for serving buffets or for coping with big main courses.

But are plastic and paper socially acceptable? Definitely—in three great big party departments: anytime outdoors, anytime there are kids involved and anytime you're dealing with really big numbers—unless it's a formal-benefit sort of "do" or you're having everyone in the neighborhood over to meet Princess Margaret at tea.

We'd be inclined to paste the "Never" label on certain so-called throwaway items that don't pass our personal taste-touch test: waxed-paper cups for sherry, fuzzedged, mat-finished paper cups for anything whatever, Styrofoam coffee containers (they feel funny), frost-free, insulated plastic glasses that take away half the fun of a tall, cool drink. In fact, we're inclined to taboo plastic where wine is concerned. Still . . . we must admit that a plastic tumbler of old country red goes down beautifully when you are outdoors at a barbecue.

Which brings us back to the cheery truth we started with (in "Today Parties . . . Just for Fun" on page 48): When it comes to present-day party giving, there are no hard and fast rules. What's right is what looks pretty, what works, what makes for a happy time for your guests—and a carefree time for you. You'll find that, playing it that way, you just can't lose.



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"Ella Fitzgerald Live" (MGM) belting out "The Lady is a Tramp" and "Old Black Magic," or Janis Joplin on "Pearl" (Columbia), let-ting go with "Move Over" and "Cry Baby." Then for laughs, you can program one of the "Laughter" records that Thomas J. Valentine, Inc., makes under the Major label.

When the party's thinning down, how about some guitar background by Julian Bream or B. B. King? "Peter Duchin" (Vocalion) makes

perfect departure music.

Dinner-party music to dine and chat by should be melodic and noninsistent; perhaps Handel's "Water Music" or a lighter movement from Gershwin's "Rhapsody in Blue."

Christmas. Get a Christmas party swinging with off-beat rhythms like José Feliciano doing "Feliz Navidad" (RCA) rather than the traditional musical fare that inundates everyone. Barbra Streisand makes "White Christmas" something else on her Christmas album (Columbia). Elvis Presley rocks "Blue Christmas" (Camden), and Charlie Pride paints Christmas Countryand-Western on "Christmas in My Hometown" (RCA). With your Christmas toast, the carols you taped from the radio will sing out.

New Year's. Everybody danceit's the New Year! Don't worry about the neighbors and blast out a welcome with "Cabaret" (Columbia). Then on to the wicked beat of "Turn on Your Love Light" from "The Live Dead" (Warner Bros.) and "Powerman" by the Kinks (Re-

Can you dig up Chubby Checker? An old tango? Give a prize to the best dancer. You must not miss the split timing of the New Year. Tune in your radio for that event. But have your tape ready with a mixture of your own recordings of fire sirens wailing, street-corner riveting, cannons blasting—use the finale of Tchaikovsky's "1812 Overture" (Mercury)—whistles, hoots, horns, applause. What fun you'll have pulling all these sounds together!

Costume parties. With nostalgia thick in the air, why not get with it and throw a Yesteryear Party? Guys and dolls arrive to "Those Were the Days." Then your own voice with "everybody dance!" and everybody will—to Tommy Dorsey and Artie Shaw on RCA's "Big Band Era." It goes without saying that you taped "Tea for Two" from "No, No, Nanette" so somebody could do a soft-shoe routine.

The party fun and music you can achieve with a tape recorder and your imagination are unlimited, especially if you keep recording sound, music, voices, and whathave-you throughout the year to build an inventory. Your parties will be "reel" winners, if you are true to



BUFFETS continued from page 60

CURRIES

If you are sure of your guests' tastes, you can give them a curry with all the trimmings: chutney, grated coconut, sliced bananas and cucumbers, sieved hard-cooked eggs, chopped peanuts and crumbled bacon. Don't forget the poppadums, and for exotic tastes include Bombay duck. They both come in cans in gourmet shops. Be sure to have lots of rice and a welcome beverage: beer, white wine or soft drinks.

VEGETABLES

For a large party I would advise the use of canned green vegetables of good quality, and not only because of the saving in time and ease of preparation.

Fresh green vegetables are like soufflés: They just won't wait for guests. And it is very hard to control the exact moment 30 people are going to eat. Mixed fresh vegetable dishes somehow fare better. Jardinière, a combination of peas, carrots, baby onions and new potatoes, works well for a buffet. Ratatouille, a delicious melange of vegetables that comes to us from Provence, is served hot as a vegetable but is also good cold as an hors d'oeuvre. It reheats well so it can be prepared ahead and it can be made in large quantity.

Here is my recipe:

RATATOUILLE

2 medium-size eggplant

Salt

6 tablespoons olive oil

3 medium-size zucchini sliced 1/4 inch thick

4 medium-size tomatoes, sliced, seeded and drained

2 medium-size green peppers, seeded and cut in strips

6 sprigs parsley

1/2 teaspoon peppercorns

1/2 teaspoon leaf thyme, crumbled

1 bay leaf

½ cup chopped onion (1 medium)

2 cloves of garlic, minced

Pare eggplant; cube. Place on paper towels. Sprinkle with salt. Let stand 15 minutes. This will draw out

moisture and any bitter liquid from eggplant. Sauté lightly in 2 to 3 tablespoons oil in large skillet over medium heat; drain on paper towels. Add 2 tablespoons oil to skillet. Sauté zucchini; drain reserve. Tie parsley, peppercorns, thyme, bay leaf in a piece of cheesecloth (bouquet garni). Sauté onion and garlic in 2 table-spoons oil until soft. Add tomatoes, green peppers and bou-quet garni. Top with zucchini and eggplant. Cover; simmer 1 hour, stirring occasionally. Uncover: cook until almost all liquid has evaporated and the mixture is quite thick. Remove the mixture and discard bouquet garni before serving. Makes about 3 cups.

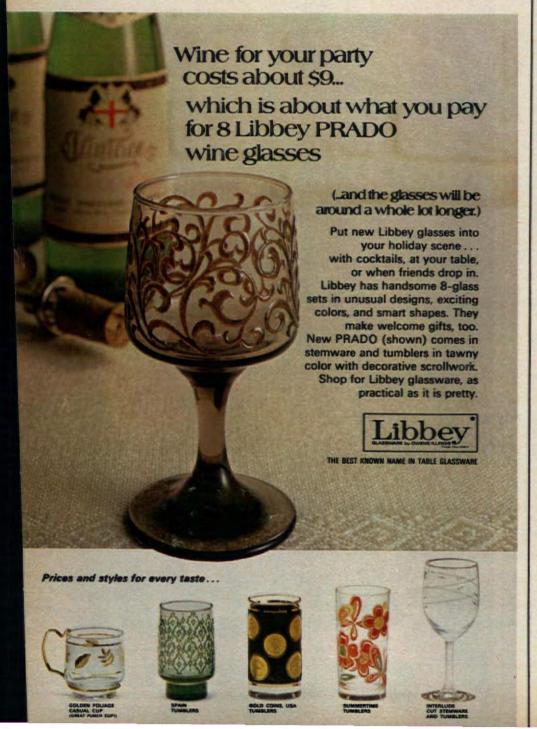
DESSERTS

Desserts should be simple: cake, fruit pie, mousse, a cold soufflé or fruit salad. Again, canned or frozen fruit can be used, but try to have one fresh fruit that doesn't darken in the mixture. And also something reasonably exotic like canned lichees. You can also perk up the whole ensemble with a little kirsch.

Don't forget to beg, borrow, or rent a party-size coffee maker. (For a brief, get-acquainted glimpse of today's versatile rental scene, see "The Numbers Game," beginning on page 56.) Remember that one pound of coffee for 2 gallons of water makes 40 servings.

My last tip—and the most important one—don't have your mind in the kitchen when it should be on the guests. Have all your preparations over and done with before they arrive. That way you will have

Amusez-vous bien!



Interesting table settings take experimentation. It's not unlike fashion, where you will change a blouse, a scarf or jewelry until you achieve an effect that is pleasing to your eye. Review all your china, silver, glassware and linens. Search the house for tiny wall mirrors, shells, vases, baskets, trays. These unex-pected accessories can add that special touch to your table. When everything is assembled, your eye will automatically put together things with the same feeling.

The only general rule is that provincial styles, regardless of country of origin, will probably work together. And of course, formal china will work with elaborate cut crystal, ornate silver or vermeil, and antique china serving dishes.

Stay away from glittery centerpieces. Instead use vegetables, dried flowers, fruit, candy, cookies, bread-all of which can be used to create the most imaginative centerpieces. Here are our suggestions:

 Three glass cylinder vases of different heights filled with popcorn, walnuts, fresh cranberries, homemade cookies, dried fruits.

 A cut crystal bowl heaped with fresh cranberries or gumdrops. Silver baskets and trays massed

together and piled with holly. An extravagant homemade fruitcake on a bed of evergreen atop a footed cake plate.

A pyramid of oranges in a silver

Revere bowl.

· A clear crystal bowl heaped with beautiful salad greens such as Bibb lettuce, romaine, endive, cucumbers, green peppers, artichokes, asparagus.

· A variety of beautiful breads, dark and light, twisted and braided, flourdusted, arranged on a cutting board. · A terrarium filled with delicate

green tendrils, surrounded by a ring of votive candles.

· Crystal dessert bowls lined with

tiny pebbles and holding trailing baby ivy plants.

· A pile of dried herbs tied with red velvet ribbons.

Candles on the table should be low and unobtrusive. You can buy plumber's candles, which are inex-pensive and elegant, in a hardware store. Votive candles are good choices, too. Scented candles are fine for the rest of the house but where you are serving food, use only unscented ones. Roll your napkins and tie them with a pretty ribbon or with braids of multicolored yarn. Tuck a flower or greenery in the knot. Simplicity and imagination—that's the way to set your holiday table. —Helene Brown holiday table.

A little competition for your Grandmother's nutbread recipe.



We'll match our nutbread recipe against anybody's old family classic.

DIAMOND Walnuts may even know a few things about nutbread you've never tried before. Like our delicious streusel and candied fruit variations.

OLD FASHIONED WALNUT BREAD 3 cups sifted all-purpose flour

1 cup granulated sugar 4 tsps. baking powder 2 tsps. salt

1 egg, lightly beaten 1/4 cup shortening, melted 11/2 cups milk

1 tsp. vanilla 11/2 cups chopped DIAMOND Walnuts

Resift flour with sugar, baking powder and salt. Add egg, shortening, milk and vanilla to dry mixture. Stir just until all of flour is moistened. Stir in walnuts. Turn into greased 9 x 5 x 3-in. loaf pan, or divide batter between 2 greased #21/2 cans. Bake at 350° F. about 1 hr. 20 min. for rectangular loaf or 1 hr. 10 min. for round loaves. Streusel variation: prepare batter as above. Turn half into loaf pan. Blend 1/3 cup brown sugar, packed, 11/2 Tbsps. flour, 1 tsp. cinnamon and 2 Tbsps. butter. Sprinkle over batter; top with remaining batter. Bake as above. Candied fruit variation: prepare batter as above, adding 2 tsps. grated orange peel to egg and milk mixture. Stir in 3/4 cup chopped candied fruit with the walnuts. Bake as above.



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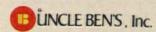
- 1 pkg. UNCLE BEN'S® Long Grain & Wild Rice
- 11/2 cups chopped celery
- 11/2 cups sliced mushrooms
- 1/4 lb. butter or margarine

1 cup hot water 1 jar (2 oz.) sliced pimientos, drained 1/2 cup chopped parsley

1 pkg. (8 oz.) herb stuffing mix

Cook UNCLE BEN'S Long Grain & Wild Rice as directed on package. Meanwhile, sauté celery and mushrooms in butter 2 minutes. Add herb stuffing mix with hot water, add pimientos and parsley; mix well. Add hot cooked rice and mix. Use to stuff any fowl or use as side dish. (Complete recipes for all stuffings will be sent with your refund, or they can be obtained at your store, or by writing to: Recipe Offer, P.O. Box 19510, Houston, Texas 77024.) Mail to: Cash Refund Offer P. O. Box 19510

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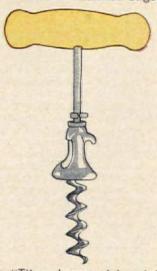
CORKSCREWS By Jeanne M. Bauer

A good corkscrew can make opening a bottle of wine the simple pleasure it ought to be.

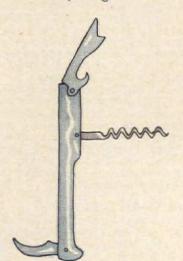
A festive bottle of wine adds to the fun of any occasion. But many people face the prospect of uncorking a bottle with uncertainty, if not downright trepidation. Happily, a good corkscrew can turn the trick

for you.

The best corkscrews are simple to use, widely available and inexpensive. They can be purchased in most department stores, and range in price from \$2 to \$6. Before you buy, look at the end of the corkscrew. It should not be centered, but should be aligned with, or a continuation of, the spirals. Ideally the screw should be 2 to 21/2 inches long with rounded or flattened edges.

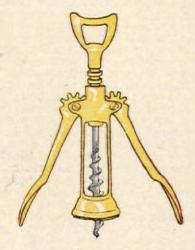


The "T" corkscrew (above) is a very basic one and provides the least amount of help for removing the cork. Once inserted, it relies on you to do the pulling.

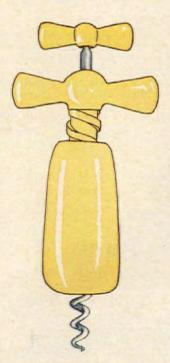


The waiter's corkscrew (above) is the one most often used in restau-

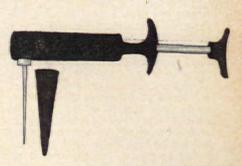
rants. It resembles a fat pocket knife with a curved knife on one end and a lever on the other, with the corkscrew in the middle. The knife portion is used to cut and remove the capsule covering the top of the bottle. The corkscrew is inserted with the lever extended. After the corkscrew is fully inserted, the lever is pressed down to help draw out the cork.



The wing or double-lever corkscrew (above) has two lever arms that project from either side of the bottle when the corkscrew is firmly inserted in the cork. To remove the cork you merely press the two levers down.



The wooden corkscrew with counter screw (bottom, center) functions with a minimum of effort on your part. The corkscrew is inserted by turning the handle at the top, and the cork is removed by turning the larger lower handle.



The newest aid to uncorking a bottle is a device that looks like an Lshaped hypodermic needle (above). To operate this cork extractor, you insert the needle into the cork and press or pump the handle. This pumps carbon dioxide into the bottle, forcing the cork out. Caution: If the cork does not rise after one "injection," abandon the extractor for another device. The cork may be truly stuck, in which case another "injection" may succeed only in exploding the bottle. If you use this type of extractor, be sure to keep several extra CO2 cartridges on hand or have a conventional corkscrew ready for the time you find yourself out of cartridges.

If you are having red wine, open the bottle one to two hours before you need it and serve the wine at room temperature (65° to 68° F.). All white, pink and sparkling wines should be chilled (42° to 45° F.) and opened just a few minutes before

Champagne and sparkling wines should never be opened with a corkscrew. To open a bottle of sparkling wine properly, first remove the wire and foil covering the cork. Wrap the bottle in a towel or napkin and hold the bottle at a slight angle. Using a napkin for a better grip, grasp the cork firmly and twist it toward you while turning the bottle in the opposite direction. As the cork nears the top of the bottle, the gas inside will force it the rest of the way out. After the cork has been removed, keep the bottle at an angle for a few seconds until the pressure inside has been equalized with that outside the bottle. If the bottle is held upright, you could end up with a gush of wine accompanying the escaping gas.

FINGER FOOD By Eleanor Marlowe

These cocktail snacks-for-a-crowd will get you out of the kitchen and into the swing.

Having a crowd in for drinks before dinner? Or for drinks after dinner? Not a splendid affair with a hired butler handing around hot hors d'oeuvres, just a friendly party that should not give a headache to the hostess—or to the guests either. For where there are drinks there should be eats, or your guests will not thank you for your hospitality the morning after.

You want to keep the food simple. Not quite so primitive as peanuts, olives and potato chips, with or without the onion-soup-mix/sourcream-dip that graces too many cocktail parties these days, but simplicity must be the keynote. Even for those people who really enjoy going to a good deal of trouble, it should be recognized that the proper occasion to make a fuss over is a dinner party. Then the hostess can go to town with truffles and flourishes, but at a casual gathering she has to be able to forgo the rolled and stuffed extravaganzas. With less frenzy beforehand, she'll have more fun, and so will the guests.

SOME GOOD BETS

Cheese is always a good bet—pleasing both before-dinner and after-dinner guests. Just remember to take it out of the refrigerator a couple of hours ahead of the party. Make the platter interesting—a blue cheese, a soft, strong cheese like Camembert, a mild cream cheese like a Boursin (with or without herbs), and a Cheddar or a Monterey Jack. You can cut Swiss cheese into cubes and spear them on wooden picks if you want the additional trouble—but it really isn't necessary. It tastes just as good any way you nibble it. Next to

the cheese put some shiny red apples for looks and for taste. Provide a knife for each cheese. And set out an assortment of crackers, water biscuits, bread (Italian and pumpernickel) and butter.

Well-chilled winter vegetables are colorful, crunchy and delicious. Try cauliflowerets, sliced fennel, carrot and celery sticks, cherry tomatoes, green-pepper rings and radishes. You can stuff the celery sticks with Roquefort and make roses out of the radishes, but you needn't bother. Things are better au naturel.

Mayonnaise, a bowl of vinaigrette. or the Italian bagna cauda (literally, a hot bath) are dressings that go well with raw vegetables. To make the latter: In a small saucepan heat together ½ cup olive oil, 6 to 8 cloves of garlic, peeled and sliced. Let steep for 15 minutes; stir it occasionally, without letting it come to a boil. Add a 2-ounce can of anchovy fillets. Stir and blend anchovies over low heat (to prevent burning) until dissolved. Serve in a chafing dish to keep warm. This sauce is unusual but tricky to serve, as it tastes good only with wine. Cocktails do not suit its robust flavor. However, it's not a bad idea to offer wine as an alternative to cocktails—some of your guests may prefer it, and the cheese-fanciers in the crowd will be pleased.

TWO EXOTIC DIPS

Of all the dips, two of the most exotic are the Mexican guacamole and the Middle Eastern homos.

To make an authentic guacamole you need, for each avocado, salt, a garlic clove, the juice of half a lime, a small hot pepper or a dash of hot sauce and a tablespoon of corian-

der leaves, if you can get them. (Coriander is variously called Chinese parsley, Mexican parsley, and Moroccan parsley, depending on your grocer's nationality.)

Guacamole can be made in a blender, but it is better to mash the avocado with a fork, since the end result should not be too smooth. Chop the garlic, the seeded hot pepper and the coriander leaves together, and stir the mixture into the avocado together with the salt and the lime juice. A small tomato, green or red, may be chopped and added. And, a bit of crumbled blue cheese stirred in gives a special flavor. It is often best to make this dip just before the party because it darkens if it stands long. There is a way to prevent this, however: Spread a thin layer of mayonnaise over the guacomole to keep the air away from it. Cover while chilling. Just before serving, mix in the mayonnaise. Serve with big corn chips or melbatoast rounds for dipping.

Homos is a smooth, creamy concoction that can be made in your blender. It involves a 16-ounce can of chick peas, 3 to 5 cloves of garlic and 34 cup of water. Blend well. Then add a cup of sesame paste called tahini (found in stores specializing in Middle Eastern foods and also in health-food stores), a cup of olive oil, 14 cup of lemon juice and 2 teaspoons of salt. Blend well; chill. Set out as a dip or serve spread on sesame-seed crackers.

THE NATURAL THING

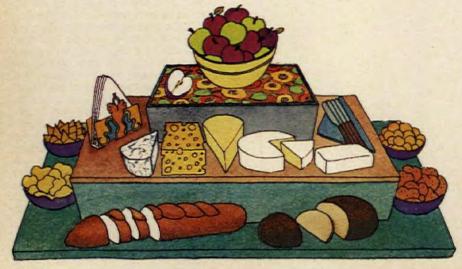
Natural foods are very fashionable these days, so why not take a taste trip at your next party? Fill a big wooden bowl with sunflower and pumpkin seeds, some raw nuts and raisins. They make a refreshing change from plain old peanuts.

Small Maine shrimp are excellent party fare, and they take exactly one minute to cook in boiling water. The frozen ones come in various ways, but for party purposes, peeled, cooked, and individually quick-frozen ones are best. Serve with lemon wedges, a pepper mill and plenty of wooden picks.

ONE WARM DISH

It's a good plan to serve one warm dish. But don't get yourself into a situation where you get all flushed and flustered from peering into the broiler. Nothing could be easier than heating up some baby franks. Serve hot mustard for the brave and set out a milder one for the others.

Now, with your wooden picks at the ready, have fun, and don't forget the ice.









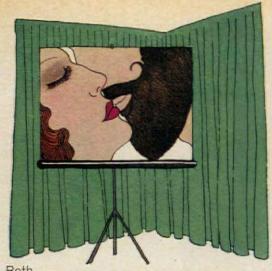




The filter system you'd need a scientist to explain ... but Doral says it in two words, "Taste me"







By Christine B. Roth

A NIGHT AT THE MOVIES

Rent a flick, hang a sheet and have a film festival right in your own living room.

Pass the peanuts and popcorn in brown paper bags, dim the house lights and roll it. A Night at the Show will Leave em Laughing so Hurry, Hurry! invite the Neighbors.

If you identified three out of four of the above titles correctly as movies made by Charlie Chaplin, Laurel & Hardy, W. C. Fields and Buster Keaton respectively, you're ripe for a home movie party. All the oldies, and the new favorites too—features and shorts, black and white or color, national and international—can be borrowed or rented and shown under the marquee of your own living room. It costs as little as the bus fare to the public library or as much as \$250 for a recent full-length feature from a rental library.

Securing films for home movies is a snap (we're talking 16-mm nontheatrical rentals). There are the public libraries and the rental companies. Try the public library first—it's free. Although their collections lean toward documentaries and educational films, some entertaining shorts are likely to be found. Check the catalog (not always free) under the children's film listings where you'll find such delightful classics as Academy Award-winning The Golden Fish and The Red Balloon.

While you may not be able to make up the entire evening's entertainment from the library stock, it's a good base from which to start. Stick with the library just a bit longer—they can point you in the right direction with information on film rental, the purchase of prints, producers and distributors in your area—and they're willing to help you plan your program.

There's a good selection of Motion Picture Film Libraries (listed just that way in the Yellow Pages) around the country. Many of them are national outfits offering a choice of as many as 900 features and 600 shorts, from one source. Their catalogs make delightful reading, with historical sketches of the stars and the era, blurbs and often pictures for each film listed, running time, critics' remarks and awards won.

COMPARISON SHOP

It's well worth your while to get a sampling of catalogs from several rental companies because prices do vary. For example, Sunrise at Campobello rents at \$75 from one national outfit and at \$35 from another. The differential is usually not so great, but even for Requiem For a Heavyweight or Suddenly, Last Summer at \$37 or \$30, Cham-pion for \$25 or \$17.50, there's room for a little comparison shopping. You may have to try more than one source to get the selection you want. If you think W. C. Fields' The Fatal Glass of Beer will make the perfect pre-intermission short, and you want to send your guests home with Chaplin's One A.M., chances are someone in Philadelphia had the same idea. Book far in advance, further if shipping is necessary, far further if you want free library films. The New York Public Library says eight to 10 weeks; two to three weeks is usually sufficient notice for rental libraries.

The catalogs will also outline all the pertinent information regarding rates for daily use, single use, multiple days' use, conditions and shipping. Most services prefer to ship insured, parcel post, special delivery, to be delivered at least a day in advance of your showing. Renters are expected to return films in

the same manner, postmarked the day following the play date. That day of grace before play date can be put to good use by making a first run to check your equipment and films and determine the best sequence for your program.

EQUIPMENT

The only equipment you need is a 16-mm sound projector. One can be rented for about \$10 per day or \$20 the weekend. Again, poke through the Yellow Pages and call around for the best arrangements and price. Although it is not the general rule, some dealers ask for a hefty deposit. Other kindly locals will throw in the screen, but somehow it seems more in keeping to project on a white wall or a stretched white sheet. Does anyone have white sheets anymore?

Also available, if you take home movies and already own an 8-mm projector, are films for outright purchase. Two sources with extensive collections are Castle Films of Universal City Studios, Inc., New York, N. Y., and Blackhawk Films of Davenport, Iowa, with prices as low as \$2.25 for a silent black and white—available through their catalogs and from department stores

and camera shops.

Throwing your own film festival can be a lot of fun for everyone concerned. Your guests will love it and you will have a fine time tracking down the films you want to show. It's the kind of party that you can vary to suit the occasion and the age groups involved, and it's obviously one that adapts well to children. Some suggestions for available films and the sources for them are given on page 76.

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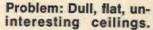


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THE INDOOR WORLD

FILMS YOU CAN RENT

From Audio/Brandon (address below) a selection of silent flicks: three Tom Mixes for \$15, Charlie Chaplins for \$12 each or two for \$20, Buster Keaton and Harry Langdon shorts for \$10 and under, W. C. Fields at \$10 each or three for \$25. A sampling of Robert Benchley's wit is available at \$5 apiece. Busby Berkeley's musical spectacles—the various Gold Diggers, 42nd Street and Hollywood Hotel-run \$30 each. D. W. Griffith shorts each cost about \$10.

Serials like Captain Video, cartoons, sport and variety programs come cheaper by the bunch from Institutional Cinema Service (ad-

dress below).

Following are some good flicks available nationally for an audience of no more than 250-for \$25 and under, if no admission is charged: Abandon Ship, The Adventures of Scaramouche, Advise and Consent, Alexander's Ragtime Band, All the King's Men, Angel in a Taxi, Beyond a Reasonable Doubt, A Bill of Divorcement, The Black Arrow, Boots Malone, Born Yesterday;

The Caine Mutiny, Champion, Curse of the Mummy's Tomb, Cyrano de Bergerac, Death of a Salesman, The Eddy Duchin Story, Experiment in Terror, Fail Safe, Five Finger Exercise, Frankenstein Meets | the Space Monster; The French They Are a Funny Race;

Gaslight Follies, The Golden Age of Comedy, Golden Boy, Green Dol-phin Street, The Harder They Fall, High Noon, The Hunchback of Notre Dame, The Inspector General, Intermezzo, The Key, Knock on Any Door;

The Last Angry Man, The Last Hurrah, The Maltese Falcon, The Miracle of the Bells, My Favorite Brunette, Notorious, On the Waterfront, Our Man in Havana, The Prisoner, Rebecca, Rhapsody in Blue;

Sahara, Sanctuary, The Solid Gold Cadillac, Spellbound, The Spiral Staircase, Ten Little Indians, When Comedy Was King, Who Was That Lady? Young Man With a Horn.

Catalogs are available from: Audio/Brandon-Mt. Vernon, N. Y .; San Francisco or Los Angeles, Calif.; Dallas, Tex.; or La Grange, III.

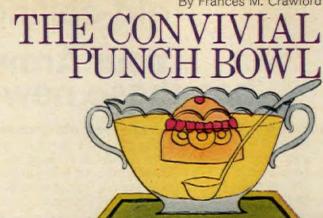
Institutional Cinema Service, Inc.-New York, N. Y.; Chicago, III.; or San Francisco, Calif.

Films Incorporated-Atlanta, Ga.; Boston, Mass.; Dallas, Tex.; Hayward or Hollywood, Calif.; Long Island City, N. Y.; Salt Lake City, Utah; or Skokie, III.

Contemporary McGraw-Hill Films-New York, N. Y.; Hightstown, N. J.; Evanston, III.; or San Francisco,

Calif.

Universal/16 Service Center-Atlanta, Ga.; Chicago, III.; Dallas, Tex.; Los Angeles, Calif.; or New York, N. Y.



These hardly innocuous recipes bring guests back for more.

A good punch, one that brings guests back for more, should be subtle but potent-not the innocuous concoction many people associate with the word "punch." It should always be well chilled and never allowed to become watery from too much dilution. Two simple steps will insure both: Refrigerate the ingredients before you combine them and float a block of ice rather than ice cubes. To make an ice float, fill a decorative-shaped cake pan, loaf pan, metal bowl or ring mold with water and freeze it. You can add a few drops of food coloring to complement or enhance your punch.

Fruit can be frozen in the mold. Fill the selected container half full of water and freeze it. Arrange washed strawberries, pineapple slices or pieces, maraschino cherries or grapes on the ice. Freeze until the fruit adheres to the ice. Fill the mold with water and freeze.

To unmold, dip the pan in hot water until the block slips out easily.

FISH HOUSE PUNCH

1 cup sugar 1 cup water

3 cups lemon juice

2 bottles (1/s quart each) rum 1 bottle (1/s quart) Cognac

1/2 cup peach brandy

11/2 quarts water

Mix sugar and water in saucepan. Heat, stirring to dissolve sugar. Bring to boiling; boil 7 minutes without stirring. Cool. Combine sugar mixture with remaining ingredients in large punch bowl. Let stand 2 to 3 hours; stir occasionally. Add large block of ice; stir to cool punch. Makes about 40 servings.

HOLIDAY BOWL

1 bottle (1/s quart) sweet rosé

1 bottle (10 ounces) low-calorie citrusflavored drink

11/4 cups grape juice 1/2 pint orange sherbet

Combine all ingredients except sherbet in bowl; chill. Before serv-ing, add sherbet. Stir well, leaving some bits of sherbet floating on top. Makes about 15 servings.

BAROOUE PUNCH

4 lemons, thinly sliced

1 cup super-fine granulated sugar

1 cup water

2 bottles (1/s quart each) red Burgundy, chilled

1 cup (1/2 pint) brandy, chilled

1 bottle (1/s pint) champagne, chilled

Combine lemon slices, sugar and water in large punch bowl. Stir until sugar is dissolved. Let stand 30 minutes. Stir in Burgundy and brandy. Add ice cubes or large block of ice. Let stand until chilled. Just before serving, add cham-pagne. Add a lemon slice to each punch cup or wine glass. Makes about 24 servings.

PARIS PUNCH

2 medium-size cucumbers

3/4 cup lemon juice

1 cup orange juice

1 cup maraschino liqueur, chilled

1 cup Cointreau, chilled

2 cups (1 pint) brandy, chilled Orange, lemon and pineapple slices Confectioners' sugar

3 bottles (1 quart each) champagne

Remove cucumber rind in long strips. Put rind, fruit juices, maraschino, Cointreau, brandy and fruit in large punch bowl. Stir in sugar to taste. Add ice block. Before serving, add champagne. Makes about 30 servings.

PILGRIM PUNCH

4 cups (1 quart) cranberry-juice cocktail

1 cup sugar

1 cup brandy (1/2 pint)

3 bottles (1/5 quart each) Moselle wine, chilled

1 bottle (1 quart) carbonated water, chilled

Orange slices Pineapple spears

Combine cranberry juice, sugar and brandy in punch bowl; stir to dissolve sugar. Chill. Just before serving, add wine and carbonated water. Garnish with fruits. Makes about 40 servings.



BETTER BUY THE DOZEN By Alexandra Walker

Here's good news: Basic glassware costs very little, and you'll use it over and over again.

Right about now, just before the holiday season gets under way, you, like most people, probably begin to panic about your entertaining equipment. Suddenly you discover you've only got a dozen glasses, remnants of once-complete sets and assorted jellies. Whether the party you plan is for cocktails, dinner or just sharing a bottle of good wine with friends, you can have the basic glassware you need without spending much and without sacrificing elegance. Today the most refined glassware designs are available in the least expensive glass. Goodlooking glasses can be found for as little as 15 cents apiece. They may not be lead crystal, but could be hand blown and just as pretty. Check out your local supermarkets, discount and department stores and gift shops. The illustrations you see here will give you an idea of the shapes and sizes to look for. If you buy all the glasses we suggest, you'll be amply supplied for parties of up to 30 people. For information on how to equip the all-out bash of 100 or so, check "The Numbers Game," beginning on page 56.

For cocktail parties you will need a dozen small old-fashioned or onthe-rocks glasses, a dozen double old-fashioneds and a dozen large wine goblets. The double oldfashioneds take the place of highball glasses; they are good for all drinks with soda and, come next summer, can be used for fruit drinks and iced tea. The small oldfashioned glasses and the large wine goblets take care of on-therocks drinks, whiskey sours and daiquiris. For small groups you may wish to invest in cocktail or martini glasses, but more and more people are using the small "rocks" glasses instead.

Small 8-ounce oid-fashioned or "rocks" glass, 14-ounce double old-fashioned

For dinner parties with wine, the best all-purpose stemware is the red-wine goblet. It is the largest of the wineglasses and can be used for white and rosé as well as red wines. The only people who take exception to this new practice are the true wine connoisseurs who prefer each individual wine in its special-size glass. With the recent surge in the popularity of wine, many glassware companies are reporting a trend toward larger-size wine goblets. Consequently you may find that the capacity of various wine goblets varies from company to company. Nowadays, many people are using water goblets as wineglasses.

For large buffet dinners, set out a dozen wineglasses and a dozen water goblets. If they are the same design, the difference in size will hardly be noticeable. If you give only informal dinners, you can use the small old-fashioned glass for wine especially if you're serving Italian pasta on a red-and-whitechecked tablecloth.



All-purpose wine goblet (left), wa-ter goblet (center) and hollow-stem, tulip-shaped champagne goblet (right)

For champagne occasions you can always get by with the wine goblet, but, for the ultimate, use a tulipshaped goblet. It is tall and graceful: it lets the bubbles rise slowly from the bottom of the glass and is much easier to hold than the tippy champagne saucer. Since this is a special glass for intimate celebrations, we suggest you purchase only four to six—but buy nice ones, in fine crystal.

The sherry glass is a small fiveounce-size goblet that is rarely used for anything else. If you don't have sherry glasses, here again small old-fashioned glasses can be used.

Liqueurs served straight up really look and taste better in a dainty cordial glass. These can be inexpensive; they also take up little storage space and are well worth tossing a few Christmas hints for. Brandy is indeed wonderful in a snifter, but, for the sake of economy, a wine goblet will give almost the same effect. Liqueurs served on the rocks, stingers, Black Russians, grasshoppers—all take the small old-fashioned glass.



Versatile 16-ounce beer goblet and a 11/2-ounce cordial glass for liqueurs

The glass you may wish to splurge on is the fat 16-ounce beer goblet. It is inexpensive and also great for bullshots, Bloody Marys and long, cool drinks in summer. Because the glass is thick, you can also use it for Irish coffee or hot buttered rum right now. Another advantage of 'economy line" glassware is easy

Almost all inexpensive glasses are dishwasher proof—even those with gold decorations. The fact that cheaper glass tends to be heavier is also a point in your favor. Extremely fine crystal with fragile stems can be so lightweight that it may get tossed about by the jets of water in the washer.

Should breakage occur, and it's a miracle if it doesn't, be sure to replace the broken glasses right away. While you're at it, why not buy a few extra besides, before the manufacturer decides to drop that particular pattern from production and it's no longer available?

These are our basic glassware suggestions. Hopefully they will lead to toasts to your good health in the entertaining times ahead.



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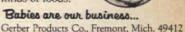
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If the holiday season has snuck up on you and you're berating yourself about the new slipcovers or the curtains you didn't make, there is still time to do some instant decorating that will tide you happily through the holiday season.

THE ENTRY AREA

Nothing says welcome more than pretty flowers, fresh greenery, the glow of candlelight and delicious aromas to greet your guests. Start decorating outdoors with tubs of evergreens and pots of mums or exaleas flanking the front door and more spilling over into an empty corner in the front hall.

If you have a table in this area, clear it and arrange a cluster of scented candles. The candlesticks needn't match. Mix crystal with silver, brass with old wood or pewter. The more variety, the more interesting the arrangement. Baskets brimming with dried fruits, nuts and raisins, cachepots made of candy cane and heaped with holly or an old pewter platter piled high with

to welcome your guests.

Mirrors and chandeliers can be swagged with yards of gay plaid fabric, ropes of bright wool or any seasonal greenery such as boxwood, evergreen or laurel leaves.

shiny red apples will be lovely ways

This is the time to come to grips with the hall guest closet. Empty it and cover the walls with red self-sticking paper. Bushel baskets painted shiny red could sit on the floor and hold overshoes and boots. Hang a wreath inside the closet door and wrap your old wire hangers with yarn or ribbon.

THE LIVING ROOM

If your cat has clawed his way through the sofa or if the curtains came through the last cleaning looking droopy, there are several things you can do to spruce up without breaking the bank

You probably have either sheets or tablecloths that aren't freshlooking anymore. Try dyeing them a rich color—such as electric blue, emerald green, Burgundy or burnt orange. Use them as throws over your upholstered furniture. You might consider some inexpensive

cotton throws from India (these can be bought for about \$7 and up and come in stripes, solids and exotic paisley prints) and drape these over your furniture. You can mix patterns and colors and give your room a totally new look. These throws can be used in the summer as bed-spreads, so they are a good investment.

Another material that lends itself to instant decorating is felt. It comes in luscious jewel tones, up to 72 inches wide, and since it needs no hemming, you can make curtains, pillow covers and table-

cloths quickly and easily.

At holiday time, it seems there are never enough tables. Solve this problem by investing in a few oversized wicker wastebaskets. These come in beautiful colors. Turn them upside down and top with serving trays and tuck into any spot in your room where they might be needed. Folding luggage racks (similarly topped with trays) will serve the same purpose. And one imaginative hostess we know hauls out her children's camp trunks, drapes them with pretty drip-dry table-cloths and uses them as coffee tables when the house is brimming with company.

Uncluttering will help immensely. Clear out a breakfront or bookshelf and line it with a tiny-print fabric. You can use double-face tape for this. Then reaccessorize with party equipment—glasses, bargear, trays, a wine rack, anything that might make serving in the living room a

little easier.

Of course, an abundance of flowers, plants and candles will add special magic to your living room. Keep jars of holiday candy, homemade cookies, fruit and flowers, dried or fresh, all over the room to add to the festive spirit.

THE DINING ROOM

Give the dining room a new interest with a dramatic color scheme. Use lots of one strong color mixed with white or bright jewel tones. Again you might use dyed sheets. For example, dye some sheets emerald green and use them as swags over sheer white curtains and as slipcovers over the backs and

seats of your dining chairs. Greenand-white checked gingham from the dress-goods department could be used as a tablecloth, hung to the floor, and cut in strips to be tied as bows to the chair backs.

The best-looking decorations are always the simplest. What won't allow either you or your guests to feel relaxed are elaborate centerpieces that look as if they will fall down any minute and candelabra that keep you from seeing across the table. Keep your table settings simple simple, but not plain.

Which to choose? Tablecloths versus place mats versus bare tabletops? If you have a beautiful tabletop, either glass, marble or wood, show it off. Set your table without place mats, using round cork trivets under your dinner plates to protect the table.

If you bring hot serving dishes to the table, cradle them in a double thickness of white tea toweling just as the French do, and set them,



towels and all, on the table. If you are using a tablecloth, it will look more festive if it drops to the floor and drapes softly. A solid-colored cloth topped by a smaller one in a lacy open weave (perhaps cut from a pair of old lace curtains) would be handsome. As for napkins, by all means use colored or patterned ones if your setting is informal, but stay with white or cream if you are using formal china, silver and stemware. A real luxury is the extra large napkin (24 inches square). Make these yourself out of linen.

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With rising fuel costs, and the urgent need to conserve energy, here's how to find out if your home

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is wasting fuel.

A Presidential Committee has recently recommended that the Nation act now to conserve energy fuels. One of the best ways to do this is to make sure your home has adequate insulation.

In fact, if your home is more than 15 years old, it probably doesn't have adequate insulation and it may be wasting more than 45% of its fuel. Or costing almost twice as much as it should to keep your family comfortable.

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in the middle of the room. If it is more than 5 degrees lower, it's another sign your home needs more insulation.

A candle can lead to additional savings.

You may be losing heat from openings in your home. Light a candle and hold it near the edges of windows and doors. If it flickers, you probably need caulking, weatherstripping, or storm windows and doors. They can cut your fuel costs by as much as 10%.

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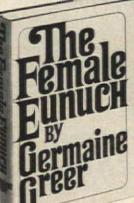
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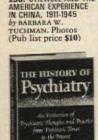
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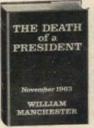
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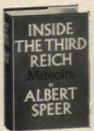
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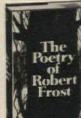
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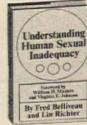
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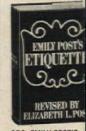
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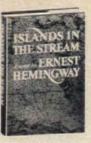
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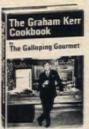
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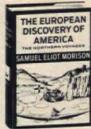
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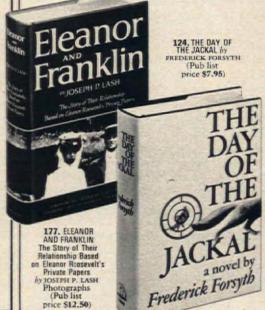
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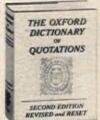
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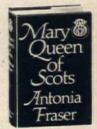
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20 STEPS TO A MORE FIRE-SAFE HOME By Stanley Schuler

Fire-fighting experts agree that it is impossible to prevent fire completely in the home—but it is possible to minimize the tragic consequences of fire.

The answer lies not in insurance, essential as that is, but in the way you design, build and equip your home. By following these suggestions, you can improve its fire safety nearly 100 percent.

- 1. To permit fast escape in an emergency, every bedroom should have at least one window that is no more than 4 feet above the floor, has a minimum area of 5 square feet and is at least 22 inches high or wide. The window should not be blocked by a room air conditioner or an iron burglar-proofing grille. Bedrooms with skylights or high-off-the-floor windows can be death traps.
- Don't place the kitchen range under a window you expect to curtain. Curtains are potential fire hazards.
- 3. If a wall cabinet is to be hung over the range, provide a 30-inch clearance above it. You'll need only 24 inches of clearance if the bottom of the cabinet is protected with asbestos millboard.
- 4. Apply effective fire-retardant finishes—such as Pyroset, Anti-Flare, Fire-Tard—to all curtain fabrics. But before using them, be sure they will not change the appearance of the fabric and can withstand laundering or dry cleaning.
- 5. Use paneled or solid-core flush doors at entrances to all rooms—to gain extra time getting out of the house in case of fire. Although they do not actually stop fire, such doors can withstand a direct flame for as long as 15 minutes. Louvered doors, hollow-core and folding doors give no such protection. Bifold doors and sliding doors that overlap should also be avoided. Though they may be solid, smoke and flame can seep through open spaces at the sides.
- 6. If you have paneled or solid-core doors to your bedroom, the National Fire Protection Assn. urges you to close them when you retire. If this means you are cut off from your children, install an intercom so you can hear them and wake them in an emergency. Better still, you might cut doorways directly between bedrooms. But if you must sleep with doors open, install a paneled or solid-core door at the entrance to the bedroom hall—and keep it closed at night.

 7. To avoid roof fires, install roofing

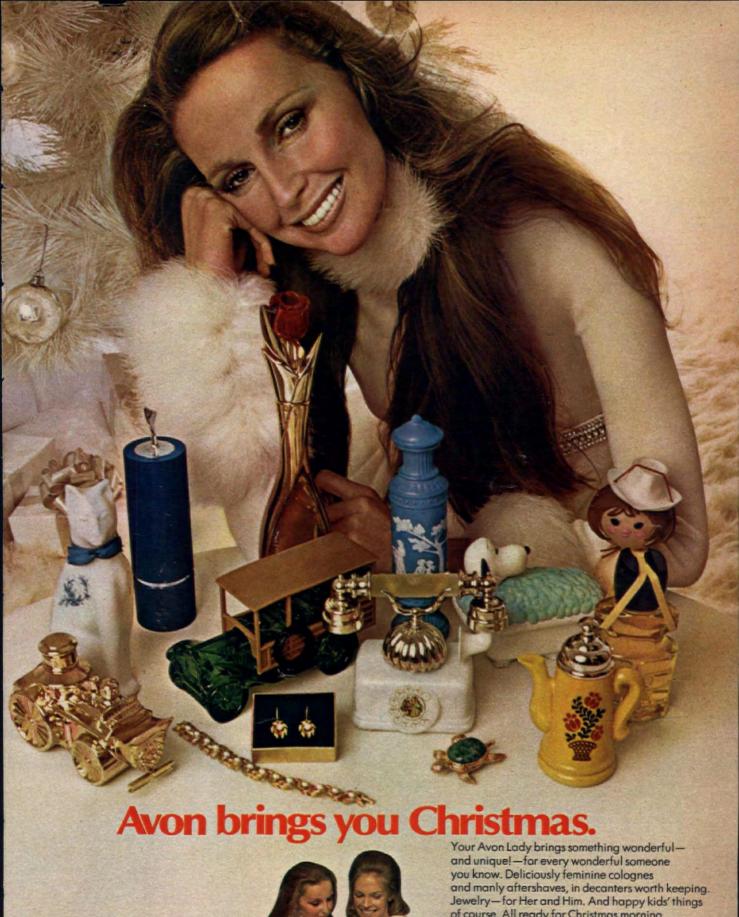
- that carries at least a Class C rating from Underwriters' Laboratories. Cedar shingles and shakes treated with UL-approved fire-retarding chemicals fall into this category, as do even the least expensive asphalt roofs. But the only truly fireproof materials are slates, asbestos-cement shingles, ceramic tiles and aluminum shingles.
- 8. Stop sparks from flying out of your fireplace by installing a permanent built-in screen that fits snugly inside the opening. The ideal screen is made of tempered glass. Next best is one of flexible steel that opens and closes like draw curtains. Gaps around the edges of most other screens allow sparks to escape. But even with a good screen, you should have a hearth that extends at least 16 inches in front of the opening and 8 inches to both sides.
- **9.** Install mantels of wood or other combustible material a foot or more above the top of the fireplace opening.
- 10. If you plan to put in a new fireplace and chimney, take a look at UL-approved prefabricated units on the market. If these are installed correctly, they will be safe to use.
- 11. Provide a cool, ventilated place to store paints, solvents, gasoline-driven power tools and other flammable items.
- 12. Ground outdoor TV antennas to keep them from conducting lightning into the house. This precaution—frequently overlooked—is especially important if you have a tall antenna or live where thunderstorms are frequent.
- 13. Close all openings around pipes and ducts that run up through the floor, so they will not act as flues. You should also block open stud spaces in exterior walls and interior partitions with short lengths of 2-by-4s.
- 14. For an extra margin of safety in rooms occupied by invalids or elderly persons who smoke, apply fire-retardant paint to walls, doors, trim and furniture made of wood. If exposed to searing heat, the paint will fulminate and form a thick insulating coating over the wood.

 15. Get rid of unsteady or too-small firecausing ashtrays. A safe one has a heavy, flat base that prevents tipping; a deep bowl from which burning cigarettes cannot fall; a narrow rim on which it is impossible to balance cigarettes that might fall and ignite something.

- 16. If you buy an old house, have the entire wiring system inspected. As a rule you should have your wiring inspected every five years to make sure it's still sound and has the capacity to serve all the new electrical equipment you may have purchased.
- 17. If you buy a house that has a fuse box, make certain the circuits have not been over-fused by a previous owner. You may need an electrical contractor to determine this, though you can probably figure it out yourself. Just remember, the only circuits with 20-amp fuses or larger should be those serving major appliances and small-appliance outlets in the kitchen. All other circuits should have 15-amp fuses.
- 18. Check all light, appliance and extension cords annually for broken and brittle insulation, exposed wires, loose connections. And make certain that ordinary extension cords are not being used to plug in high-wattage appliances and hand tools. An ordinary cord (with 18-gauge wires) should not carry more than a 700-watt load, lest it become so overheated that the insulation is destroyed. Use only a heavy-duty cord that has 16-gauge or larger wires.
- 19. Keep properly charged fire extinguishers in or near the living room (where the largest percentage of fires start), kitchen (second-largest, percentage), bedroom area—and at the head of the stairs to the basement, if you have one. (One extinguisher might serve two areas, if they are adjacent.) Mount each extinguisher in a prominent spot near a door through which you can escape if the fire gets out of hand.
- 20. Install an automatic alarm that will arouse your household, and also your neighbors (in case you're away), if fire breaks out. The best alarm system is electrically operated—and uses heat detectors and smoke detectors.

Another type of house-wide alarm system runs on compressed gas. There are also "single-station" (individual) detection units operated by gas in an aerosol can or by a wind-up coiled spring.

Whatever warning system you select, be sure that all of its components carry a UL or FM (Factory Mutual) label. And never forget that even though the system warns of danger, it neither prevents fire nor puts it out.



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EASY HOLIDAY HOSPITALITY

Charming party givers are the focus of this month's spotlight on casual entertaining. You'll meet them on the following pages. They reflect somewhat different lifestyles, but all share a similar flair for giving parties that are spontaneous, intimate, delightful and informal. They know that with a simple menu and table assets like these, they'll enjoy their get-togethers as much as their guests will. In addition to party tips from these



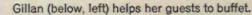
Lighthearted compatibles come in four graduated color groups for happy party mixing. Such easygoing stacking

china, glassware, candles and holders (all Block) and International's "Vision" sterling make buffets a breeze.



Before guests arrive, Don MacDonald uncorks the wine, and Gillan adds finishing touches to her party table.

Architect Don MacDonald and his Swedish wife, Gillan, live with their two children in a new whitewashed house that Don designed high on a hill just a block from San Francisco Bay. This gregarious young couple holds informal open house year round, but the constant flow of company never seems to ruffle the lady of the open house. She always has something ready to pop in the oven. When her brother and sister-in-law arrived from Sweden recently for a visit, she planned the festive buffet for 12 you see here. In their spacious dining room, where white walls are slashed with brilliant purple supergraphics painted by Don, their guests can move freely about the dining table, heaping their plates with Gillan's paella, sourdough bread and leafy green salad, then drift into the living room to dine by a blazing fire. "I always enjoy my own parties," says this relaxed hostess. "That's because the menu is simple and most of my preparations are completed before anyone gets here."





Young lan, 2 (above, right), and Pia, 3, enjoy the salad-making.

Fred Lyon

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THAT SAYS WELCOME



Coffee table (above) is set for Ann's fruit flambé party. Guests cook their own in a butter-lined chafing dish, sprinkle the fruit with sugar and flame with brandy. Sour cream, slivered toasted almonds, brown sugar make excellent toppings.

Ann and Lauren Studebaker attend to final party preparations in their kitchen (right). Blue Formica counter tops edged in red-orange, and cooking and serving ware visible through cabinet doors, carry out strong color theme.



When Ann and Lauren Studebaker were planning their new Seattle home overlooking Puget Sound, they knew they wanted a place that would be cozy whether they were home alone or entertaining guests. Working closely with architect Wendell Lovett, they built a bright, contemporary home that conveys a feeling of intimacy the moment you enter. The hub of the house, for the Studebakers and their three young sons, is a snug area open to the living room, where an entertainment wall (opposite) houses all their party gear, music and TV. Built-in banquettes, seating 12, line two walls. Since Lauren, a busy young attorney, has an erratic work schedule, Ann tries to key their entertaining to small gatherings. "I find tabletop cooking-where everyone joins in-lots of fun to do," she says. Her fruit flambé (pictured top) never fails to delight her guests,





The Jenkinses' travels and tastes are evidenced by their eclectic table settings. For her wine, cheese, bread and fruit party (left and opposite), June mixed French and Mexican earthenware, Bennington pottery, Pennsylvania German baskets and old brass candlesticks on an antique patchwork guilt.

Entertaining easily in a city apartment becomes an art as well as a challenge when practiced in New York City, where the pace of living is fast and space is always a problem. Two experienced Manhattan party-givers, June Jenkins (opposite) and Bill Goldsmith (below) have each furthered a special talent for putting together smashing parties on a moment's notice. June, wife of sportswriter Dan Jenkins. says, "It's not unusual for Dan to call late in the day and tell me the entire New York Giants team is dropping by that night, Needless to say, I've learned to entertain simply. A wine, cheese, bread and fruit party takes almost no work. I keep lots of bread in the freezer and shop at the last minute for cheese and whatever fruits are in season." For designer-illustrator Bill Goldsmith, preparing a party is part of the joy of entertaining—and is likely to be part of the party itself. His apartment's country kitchen is where his parties start. "I enjoy having my friends in the kitchen while I'm working," he says, "and it's so easy to keep things warm and to refill plates when the range is in the same room." Bill became interested in cooking several years ago, when he began illustrating cookbooks. (Some of his framed works are on the kitchen wall, below; you'll see others in the December American Home, for he is illustrating our Christmas recipe collection.) Bill's table settings reflect his innovative style—he never sets his table the same way twice. He always lets the menu and the season dictate his choice of serving pieces and linens.

SUPER PARTIES IN SMALL SPACES



Bill Goldsmith (right) is shown carving a Smithfield ham as part of a weekend late-breakfast menu of scrambled eggs with oysters, crusty French bread and cherry tomatoes—hearty, satisfying fare good for any occasion and any time.

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This city party-giver chooses casual elegance and an easy dessert buffet.





Françoise Ficot (above) and her journalist husband, Bernard, have recently moved to New York City from Paris. She translates children's books into French; he is a correspondent for Agence France-Presse. "We entertained so differently in Paris," says this delightful young Frenchwoman. "We always gave dinner parties, since we had a dining room and a large kitchen where I could fuss. But in our tiny New York apartment, this just isn't possible." The "come for dessert and coffee" party is one that she finds easy to prepare and enjoyable for all. "We ask our guests to arrive at 8:30. All I have to do is pick up the desserts at the local pastry shop, set the table, make the coffee—and we're ready. This is a new kind of entertaining for us, but it suits our lifestyle in our new country."

Françoise Ficot likes to set a table of sparkling crystal and silver on glass (above and detail at left). Her array of sweets includes cookies, a rich chocolate cake, Jordan almonds, store-bought meringues with Françoise's own lemon filling (recipe, page 120), and a fruit compote for weight-watchers. Compote shown is sprinkled with coconut and splashed with kirsch.

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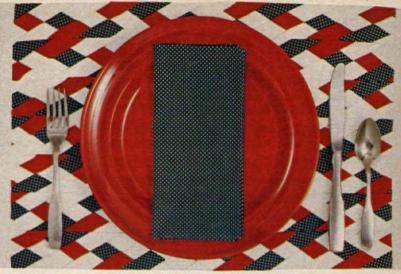
Solid-state electronics, with no tubes to heat up, make this compact new cabinetry possible. (Some units come with separate speakers, not shown.) The music, the glassware, the bar tools and all other hosting essentials are stowed in handy, space-saving units. Finally, to help speed cleanup, a plastic-laminated surface protects the finishes of all these party makers. (Prices here and on the preceding page are subject to change; shopping information can be found on page 158.)







Four-strand braids joined horizontally and bound at sides with single white strands make a fitting mat for a red plate. Use darkest-strand fabric for napkins.





Classic batik creates place mats of enduring beauty.

A wall hanging of batik is shown on page 134.



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Spread in pan. Bake 1 hour. While cake bakes, blend cheese, cream or milk and lemon juice. Stir in caviar gently.
 Remove cake from oven. Loosen edges. Turn cake out onto piece of wax paper. Peel paper carefully from cake.

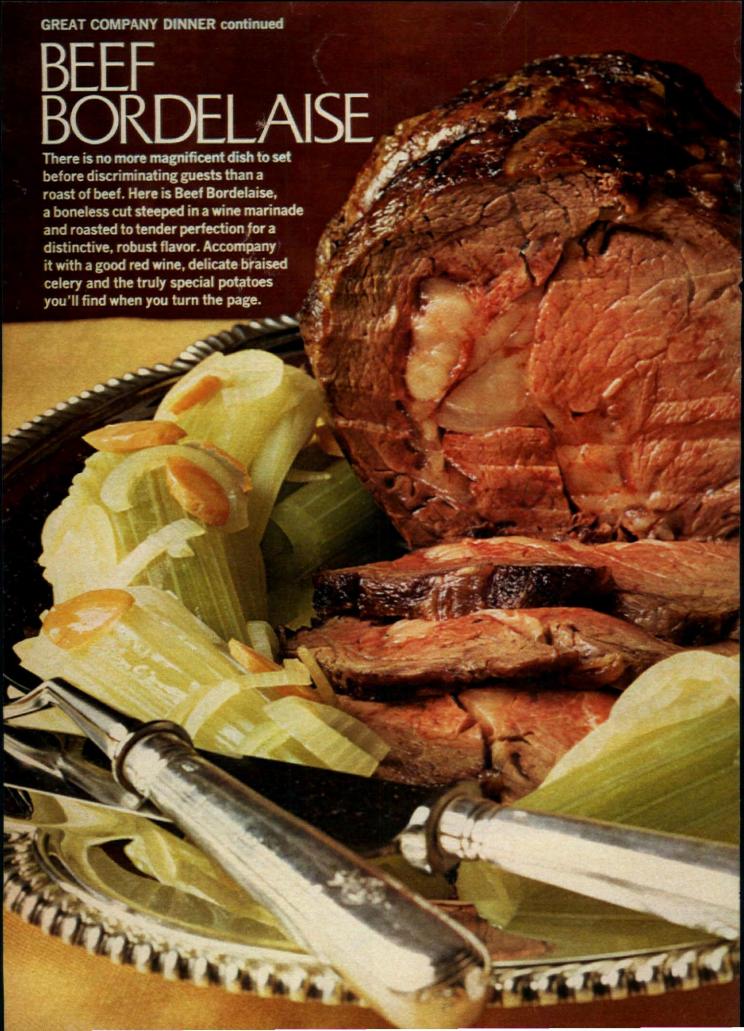
Spread the cream-cheese mixture evenly over the cake.
 Roll cake up, starting from the shorter side. Serve, hot or cold, cut in slices about 1 inch thick. Top each slice with a dollop of sour cream, if desired. Makes 8 servings.













BEEF BORDELAISE

- 5- to 6-pound rolled rib, rib eye or rump of beef
- 2 cups sliced onion (2 large)
- ½ cup chopped shallots or green onions
- 2 cloves of garlic, crushed
- 1 bay leaf
- ½ teaspoon leaf thyme, crumbled
- 1 teaspoon peppercorns
- 4 or 5 sprigs of parsley
- 1 teaspoon sait
- 2 cups dry red wine
- 5 tablespoons melted butter or margarine
- 2 cans (10½ ounces each) beef broth

1 tablespoon flour

Put meat in stainless steel or enamel pan just large enough to hold meat and vegetables. Combine vegetables, herbs, salt and wine; pour over meat. Cover. Refrigerate 8 to 12 hours, turning meat occasionally.

Heat oven to 475°. Remove meat from marinade; pat dry. Strain marinade; reserve liquid and vegetables. Place meat on rack in shallow roasting pan. Roast 30 minutes, basting once or twice with 4 tablespoons butter or margarine. Reduce heat to 400°. Add reserved vegetables to pan. Roast 40 to 45 minutes (estimate total roasting time at about 12 minutes per pound for rare). Baste occasionally with pan drippings. Remove meat to warm platter. Let stand 15 to 20 minutes before carving. Heat pan drippings to boiling; cook 1 minute. Discard fat from pan. Add marinade. Bring to boiling; cook until just a few tablespoons are left. Add broth. Blend 1 tablespoon butter or margarine and flour. Add to pan. Cook, stirring constantly, until sauce is thick and smooth. Correct seasoning. Strain. Makes 8 to 10 servings.

BRAISED CELERY

- 4 bunches celery
- 1 large onion, sliced
- 2 carrots, pared and sliced
- 2 cans (10½ ounces each) chicken broth

Cut leaves from celery, leaving 5- to 6-inch-long bunches. Remove outer stalks (use these and leaves in soup or stew). Wash celery thoroughly to remove dirt and sand. Parboil 6 to 8 minutes; drain. Halve bunches lengthwise.

Put onion and carrots in large skillet. Arrange celery, cut side down, on top. Add broth and just enough water to cover celery. Place circle of aluminum foil or wax paper over celery. Cover skillet. Bring to boiling; simmer 45 minutes or until tender. Arrange around beef. Top with onions and carrots. Makes 8 servings.

GREAT COMPANY DINNER continued

OTATOES NINIA

The lowly potato is raised to culinary eminence when thin slices, generously bathed in butter, are arranged in layers, baked and then unmolded like an upside-down cake. Crusty outside, soft and creamy inside, Pommes Anna-created for a gourmandizing beauty at the court of Napoleon III-are the ultimate delight of potato lovers. The dish is easy to make if you use a cast-iron skillet and our trick of sauteing the potatoes lightly before baking-so they will brown evenly and unmold without collapsing.

POTATOES ANNA 34 cup butter or margarine 21/2 to 3 pounds large, uniformsize potatoes, pared Salt

Pepper





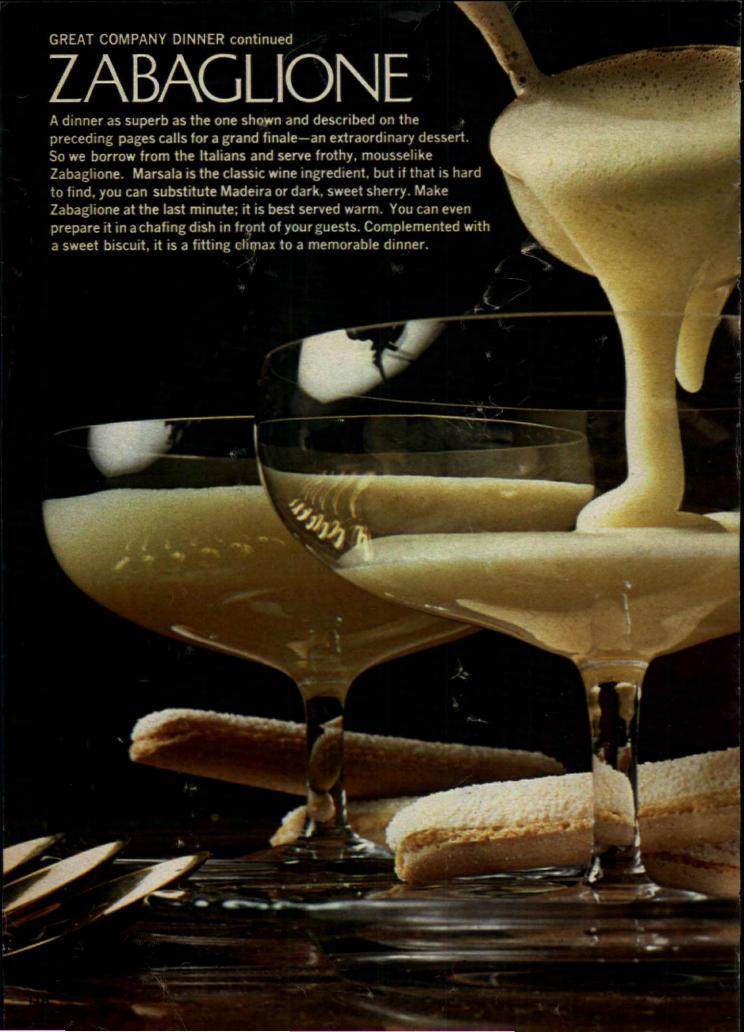


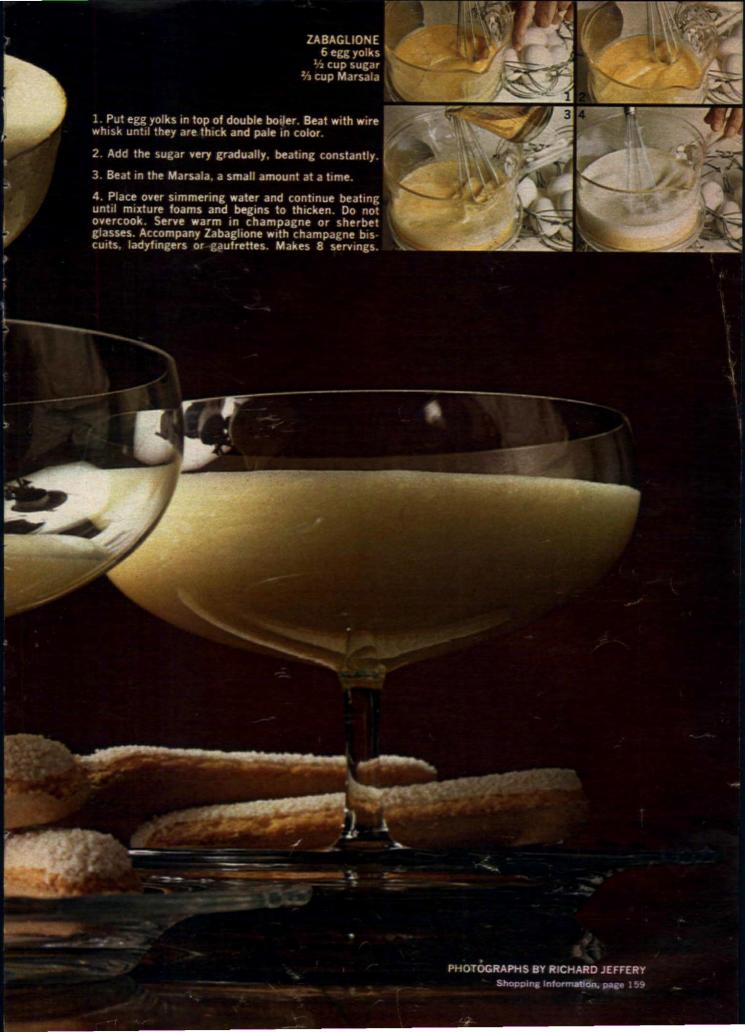
1. Heat oven to 475°. Melt butter or margarine in small saucepan. Skirr foam from top. Pour the clear, yel low liquid (clarified butter) carefully from saucepan into a small dish. Discard the milky liquid left at bottom. Slice potatoes thinly and evenly. Dryslices with paper towels.

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2. Heat 1/2 cup of the clarified butter or margarine in a large skillet over medium heat. Add potatoes and toss 2 to 3 minutes. Use a spatula to separate slices and keep them from sticking to bottom of skillet. Remove from heat: let cool until easy to handle. Heat remaining clarified butter in a 7-inch castiron or aluminum skillet. Remove from heat. Start at center and overlap potatoes in circles until bottom of skillet is covered. Sprinkle lightly with salt and pepper. Overlap slices in an upright position around side of skillet. Layer potatoes, overlapping slices until all are used. sprinkling each layer with salt and pepper. Press potatoes down firmly with small plate or large spatula.

3. Set skillet on upper oven rack; place pan on lower rack to catch any drippings. Bake 20 minutes. Press potatoes down. Bake 35 to 40 minutes. Remove from oven. Hold potatoes down firmly with small plate; pour off excess butter. Run knife around edge. Place warm plate over skillet. Invert. Lift skillet off. Makes 8 servings.





Here are menus for three more superlative feasts—each a great company dinner. Recipes are given for all starred dishes.

Smoked Salmon with Capers Herbed Roast Leg of Lamb* Creamed Green Beans* Franconia Potatoes Watercress-Mushroom Salad* Chocolate Cheesecake*

HERBED ROAST LEG OF LAMB

½ cup minced parsley 1 clove of garlic, minced

1/2 teaspoon dried sage leaves, crumbled

1 teaspoon crushed rosemary leaves

1 teaspoon salt

1/4 teaspoon pepper

6-pound leg of lamb, boned and flattened

2 tablespoons olive or pure vegetable oil

1/4 teaspoon salt

Heat oven to 400°. Combine parsley, garlic, sage, rosemary, 1 teaspoon salt and pepper. Spread meat flat; rub with 1 tablespoon oil. Sprinkle with herb mixture; roll lamb up, tucking in ends; tie into even roll with clean white cord. Rub outside of meat with remaining 1 tablespoon oil; sprinkle with ½ teaspoon salt. Place on rack in open, shallow roasting pan, fat side up. Roast 1½ hours for rare or 2 hours for medium rare. Transfer to heated platter; cut and remove cord. Makes 8 servings.

CREAMED GREEN BEANS

An easy way to make creamed beans without making a cream sauce.

2 packages (9 ounces each) frozen French-style green beans

1/2 cup light cream or half-and-half
1/8 teaspoon pepper

Cook beans according to package directions. Drain. Add cream and pepper. Bring to boiling, stirring constantly, until cream thickens and coats the

beans. Makes 8 servings.

WATERCRESS-MUSHROOM SALAD

3 bunches watercress

1/2 pound mushrooms

3/3 cup pure vegetable or olive oil

1/4 cup vinegar

1 small clove of garlic, minced

1/2 teaspoon dry mustard

1 teaspoon salt

1/2 teaspoon sugar

1/4 teaspoon pepper

Trim, wash and dry watercress. Trim stems from mushrooms and wipe caps with a damp cloth. Slice mushroom caps thinly. Combine watercress and mushrooms in salad bowl. Combine remaining ingredients in screw-top jar or in blender. Shake or whirl to blend. Just before serving, add dressing to salad to coat lightly. Toss. Makes 8 servings.



CHOCOLATE CHEESECAKE
(pictured above)

It is normal for this cake to develop a crack in the center and around edges. For appearance's sake, you might want to garnish with chocolate curls before serving.

3 tablespoons butter or margarine

1½ cups vanilla-wafer crumbs

3 tablespoons sugar

3 packages (8 ounces each) cream cheese, softened at room temperature

1 cup sugar 1/4 cup cocoa

11/2 teaspoons vanilla

3 eggs

1/2 cup heavy cream

Heat oven to 350°. Melt butter or margarine in small saucepan. Add wafer crumbs and 3 tablespoons sugar; blend. Press crumb mixture with back of large spoon on bottom and up sides of 8-inch springform pan with removable bottom. Crumbs should come to within 1 inch of top of pan. Beat cream cheese in large mixing bowl until smooth. Add 1 cup sugar, cocoa and vanilla. Blend thoroughly. Add eggs, one at a time, beating well after each addition. Blend in cream. Pour mixture into prepared pan. Bake 50 minutes or until top of cake is lightly browned. Center of cake will be soft but will firm up when chilled. Cool. Refrigerate at least 5 hours before serving. Makes 8 servings.

Beet Consommé*
Veal Chops Orloff*
Parisienne Potatoes*
Mixed Green Salad
Poached Pears in Red Wine*

BEET CONSOMMÉ

1 can (1 pound) julienne beets 2 cans (10½ ounces each) beef consommé

2 cups water

Salt Pepper

Drain beets. Reserve. Combine beet juice, beef consommé and water in saucepan. Bring to boiling. Add reserved beets. Bring back to boiling. Correct seasoning to taste with salt and pepper. Serve in heated soup cups. Makes 8 servings.

VEAL CHOPS ORLOFF

8 rib veal chops, each ¾ to 1 inch thick Salt

Pepper

Flour

1/4 cup butter or margarine

1 cup minced onion (1 large)

1 pound mushrooms, finely chopped

1 teaspoon salt

Dash of pepper

1 tablespoon lemon juice

1/4 cup butter or margarine

6 tablespoons flour

2 cups light cream

1/4 teaspoon salt

Dash of pepper

3/4 cup grated Swiss or Parmesan

cheese

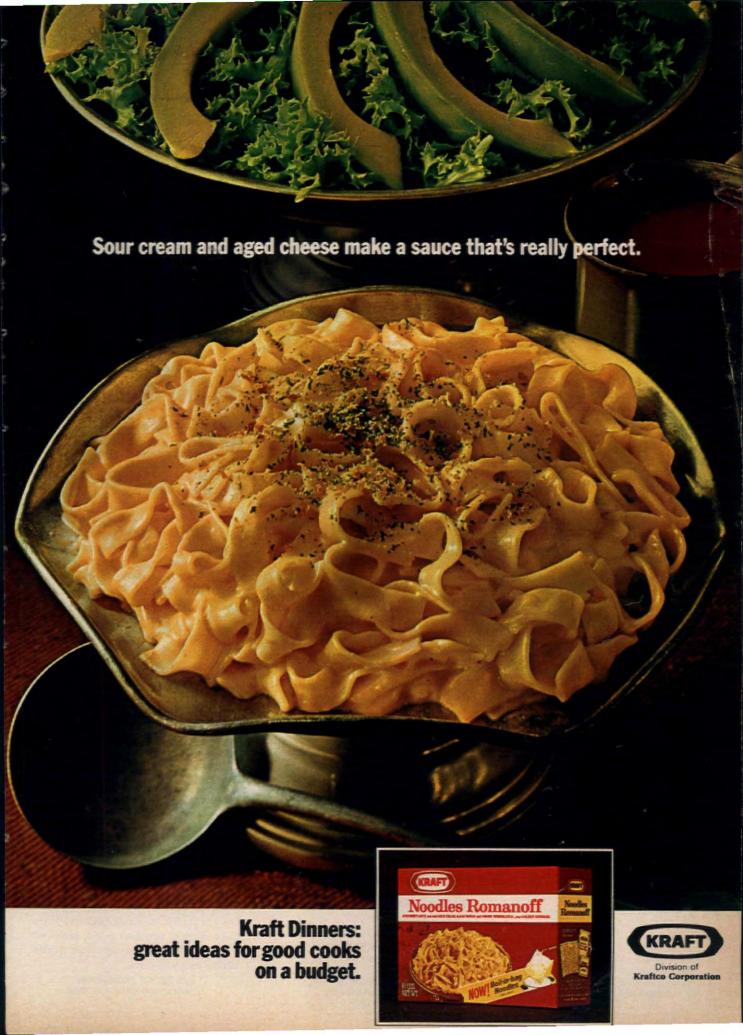
Sprinkle chops with salt and pepper. Dredge in flour; shake off excess. Melt 1/4 cup butter or margarine in large skillet over medium heat. Cook chops 10 to 12 minutes on each side. Remove from skillet. Keep warm. Add onion to fat left in skillet. Cook 1 minute, scraping bottom of skillet with wooden spoon. Add mushrooms; sprinkle with 1 teaspoon salt, dash of pepper and lemon juice. Cook 5 to 6 minutes, stirring occasionally. Melt 1/4 cup butter or margarine in small saucepan. Stir in 6 tablespoons flour. Cook 1 minute, stirring constantly. Add cream, 1/4 teaspoon salt and dash of pepper. Cook over medium heat, stirring rapidly with wooden spoon or wire whisk, until sauce bubbles. Remove from heat. Stir sauce into mushroom mixture; mix well. Correct seasoning to taste. Place chops on cookie sheet or in shallow roasting pan. Top each chop with mushroom mixture, dividing it evenly among chops. Sprinkle with grated cheese. Place chops under broiler for a few minutes until cheese melts and is lightly browned. Arrange chops on heated serving platter. Garnish with parsley or watercress, if desired. Makes 8 servings.

PARISIENNE POTATOES

6 large potatoes, pared ¼ cup butter or margarine Salt Pepper

1/4 cup chopped parsley

Shape potatoes into 1-inch balls with small knife or melon scoop. Cook 3 to 4 minutes in boiling, salted water. Drain thoroughly. Melt butter or margarine in skillet over medium heat. Add potatoes; cook until golden brown and tender when tested with two-tine fork. Stir or toss occasionally to turn potatoes so they brown evenly on all sides. Season to taste with salt and pepper. Turn into heated serving dish. Sprinkle with parsley. Makes 8 servings. continued





POACHED PEARS IN RED WINE (pictured above)

(pictured above)

1 cup dry red wine

1 cup water

1 cup sugar

1/4 teaspoon anise seed

3- to 4-inch piece stick cinnamon

1 tablespoon lemon juice

8 firm, ripe pears, pared

Combine wine, water, sugar, anise seed, cinnamon and lemon juice in large saucepan or skillet. Bring to boiling, stirring until sugar is dissolved. Set pears into boiling syrup; cook, covered, 8 to 10 minutes, turning fruit occasionally so it is cooked evenly. When fruit is just barely tender, remove from syrup with a slotted spoon; transfer to a serving dish. Boil syrup rapidly, uncovered, until reduced to 1 cup. Pour hot syrup over pears. Serve at room temperature. Makes 8 servings.

Avocado Halves with
Pimiento Vinaigrette*
Rock Cornish Hens Liégeoise*
Mixed Wild and White Rice
Broccoli Polonaise*
Caramel Cake*

AVOCADO HALVES WITH PIMIENTO VINAIGRETTE

4 medium-size avocados Lettuce cups

3 cup pure vegetable or olive oil

1/3 cup vinegar

1 teaspoon salt

1/4 teaspoon pepper

1/4 teaspoon sugar

2 tablespoons finely chopped

Cut each avocado in half lengthwise. Twist gently to separate halves. Remove seeds. Strip or pare the skin. Line individual salad plates with lettuce cups. Arrange avocado halves over lettuce. Combine remaining ingredients in blender or screw-top jar. Whirl or shake to blend. Pour dressing into avocado shells. Makes 8 servings.

ROCK CORNISH HENS LIÉGEOISE

8 Rock Cornish hens (1 pound each), thawed Lemon juice Salt Pepper 16 parsley sprigs

½ cup juniper berries, coarsely

1/2 cup melted butter or margarine 1/4 cup chopped shallots or green onions

2 cups diced celery

1/2 cup gin

2 cups heavy cream

Heat oven to 450°. Wash hens; pat dry. Sprinkle cavities of hens with lemon juice, salt and pepper. Place 2 parsley sprigs and 1 teaspoon of juniper berries in cavity of each bird. Place, breast side up, on rack in shallow roasting pan. Brush birds with melted butter or margarine. Roast 15 minutes. Add shallots or green onions, celery and remaining juniper berries to pan. Continue roasting 20 minutes or until birds are tender, basting occasionally with pan juices. Remove to serving platter. Keep warm. Place roasting pan over heat. Cook juices 2 minutes. Add gin. Ignite with match, making sure you turn your face away. When flames die down, add cream. Bring to boiling, stirring to dissolve all brown bits on bottom. Correct seasoning to taste. Press sauce through fine strainer or double thickness of cheesecloth. Serve sauce separately. Makes 8 servings.

BROCCOLI POLONAISE

2 bunches broccoli ½ cup butter or margarine ⅓ cup soft bread crumbs Chopped hard-cooked egg

Wash broccoli well; drain. Remove and discard large, coarse outer leaves; cut off tough lower parts of the stalks. Cut large stalks lengthwise into quarters or halves. Put into 1 inch boiling, salted water in large skillet. Cook 10 to 15 minutes or until just tender. Drain. Melt butter or margarine in small saucepan; add bread crumbs. Cook slowly until crumbs are brown. Arrange broccoli in serving dish. Top with crumbs. Sprinkle with egg. Makes 8 servings.



CARAMEL CAKE

(pictured above)

21/4 cups sifted cake flour

1 teaspoon baking powder

½ teaspoon baking soda ¼ teaspoon salt

1 teaspoon ground cinnamon

1/2 teaspoon ground cloves

1/2 cup shortening

1 teaspoon vanilla
3/4 cup light-brown sugar, firmly packed

1 cup granulated sugar

3 eggs

1 cup buttermilk Caramel Frosting

Heat oven to 350°. Grease and flour two 9x11/2-inch layer-cake pans. Sift flour, baking powder, baking soda, salt, cinnamon and cloves together. Beat shortening, vanilla, sugars and eggs at high speed on electric mixer about 3 minutes or until light and fluffy. Add flour mixture alternately with buttermilk at low speed, beginning and ending with flour. Scrape bowl frequently. Pour into prepared pans. Bake 30 to 35 minutes or until cake tester inserted in the center comes out clean and cake has pulled away from sides of pans. Remove pans from oven; let stand on wire racks 5 minutes; remove cakes from pans. Cool completely on wire racks before filling and frosting.

CARAMEL FROSTING

34 cup brown sugar, firmly packed

3 tablespoons water

1/3 cup dark corn syrup

3 egg whites 1 teaspoon vanilla

Combine brown sugar, water and corn syrup in saucepan. Cook over medium heat until sugar is dissolved and mixture begins to boil. Boil, without stirring, until mixture reaches 242° on candy thermometer or until syrup spins a 6-inchlong thread from tip of spoon. Just before syrup reaches temperature, beat egg whites until stiff but not dry. Pour hot syrup slowly in thin, steady stream over beaten egg whites while beating at high speed. Beat until frosting is stiff and glossy and holds shape nicely. Fold in vanilla. Frost and fill layers.

LEMON ANGEL TARTS

(pictured on cover and page 102)

3 tablespoons cornstarch

1 cup sugar

1/8 teaspoon salt

11/3 cups water

1 tablespoon grated lemon peel

1/4 cup lemon juice

½ cup heavy cream, whipped Few drops yellow food coloring

12 to 16 meringue shells

Combine cornstarch, sugar, salt and water in saucepan. Cook over medium heat, stirring constantly, until mixture simmers. Simmer 5 minutes. Remove from heat. Stir in lemon peel and juice. Cool. Fold in whipped cream and food coloring. Spoon into meringue shells. Makes 12 to 16 tarts.

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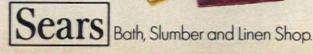
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Divide dough into 3 parts.

Shape each part into rounded bunlike shape; place in coffee cans.

St. Lucia Crown: Follow recipe on leaflet in Gold Medal flour sacks. Place 3 strands of dough close

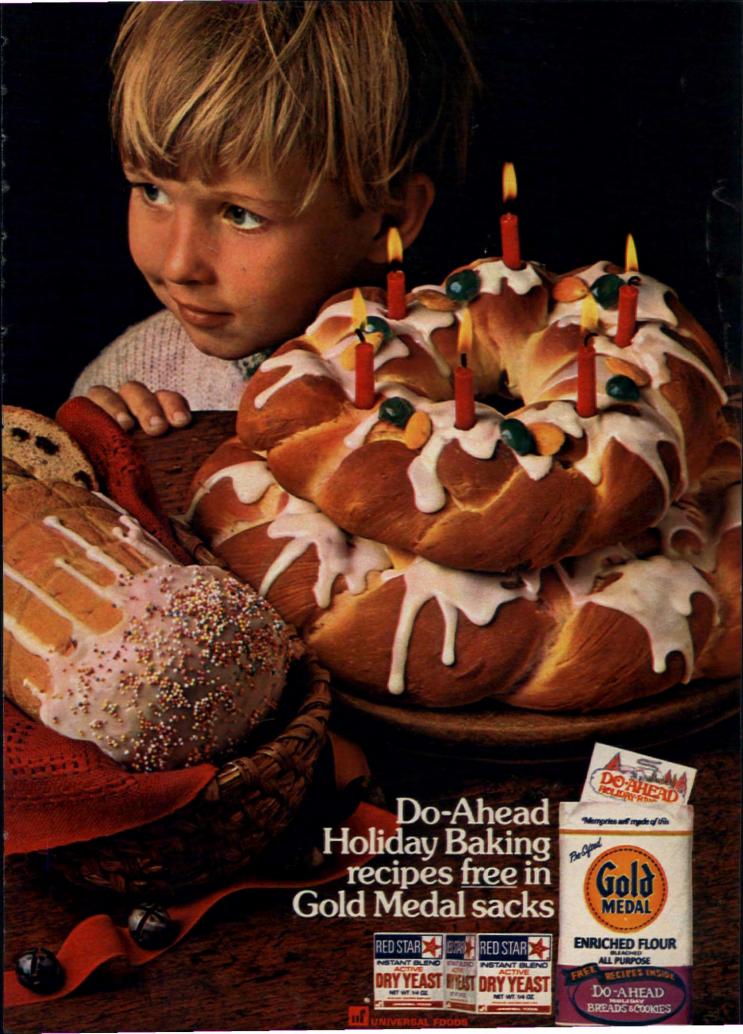
together on greased baking sheet. Braid strands loosely to prevent stretching.



After braiding, shape into circle and pinch ends to seal.

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(pictured above)
2 balls of #1 white Coats & Clark's O.N.T.

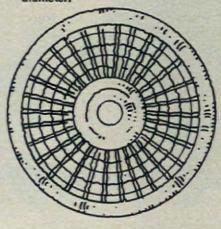
"Speed-Cro-Sheen" mercerized cotton (enough for 1 place mat) 1 crochet hook, size F

Gauge: 6 sts = 1-inch; 1 rnd = 1-inch. Be sure to check your gauge before starting mat. Use any size hook that will obtain the stitch gauge above. Starting at center, ch 20. Join with sl st to form a ring. 1st rnd: Ch 5, make 59 d tr in ring. 124 Join with sl st to top ch-5—60 d tr, Tonia Hampson

counting ch-5 as one d tr. 2nd rnd: Ch 1, sc in same ch used for joining, * ch 2, skip next d tr, sc in next d tr. Repeat from * around, ending with ch 2. Join to first sc-30 loops. 3rd rnd: Sl st in first ch-2 loop, ch 5, make 2 d tr in same loop, ch 1, * 3 d tr in next loop, ch 1. Repeat from * around. Join to top of ch-5-90 d tr, counting ch-5 as one d tr. 4th rnd: Ch 5, skip joining, d tr in each of next 2 d tr, ch 2, * d tr in each of next 3 d tr, ch 2. Repeat from * around. Join. 5th rnd: Ch 5, skip joining, d tr in each of next 2 d tr, ch 3, * d tr in each of next 3 d tr, ch 3. Repeat from * around. Join. 6th rnd: Ch 5, skip joining, d tr in each of next 2 d tr, ch 4, * d tr in each of next 3 d tr, ch 4. Repeat from * around. Join. 7th rnd: Ch 4, skip joining, tr in each of next 2 d tr, ch 5, * tr in each of next 3 d tr, ch 5. Repeat from * around. Join. 8th rnd: Ch 1, sc in same ch as joining, * ch 2, skip next tr, sc in next tr (ch 2, skip next ch, sc in next ch) twice; ch 2, skip next ch, sc in next tr. Repeat from * around, ending last repeat with ch 2. Join to first sc-120 loops. 9th rnd: SI st in first ch-2 loop, ch 5, 2 d tr in

same loop, * (2 d tr in next loop, 3 d tr in next loop) 3 times; (2 d tr in next loop) 3 times; 3 d tr in next loop. Repeat from * around, ending with (2 d tr in next loop; 3 d tr in next loop) 3 times; 2 d tr in each of last 3 loops. Join—288 d tr, counting ch-5 as one d tr. 10th rnd: Ch 1, sc in same sc as joining, sc in each d tr around. Join to first sc. Break off and fasten. Press through a damp cloth.

1. Place mat will be 16 inches in





PLACE MAT ABBREVIATIONS AND SYMBOLS

ch....chain

sc....single crochet

tr....treble

d tr . . . double treble

sl st . . . slip-stitch

rnd....round

st(s)...stitch(es)

- * Repeat whatever follows the * as many times as specified.
- () Do whatever is in parentheses the number of times specified.

MACRAMÉ LUGGAGE RACK STRAPS

(pictured on page 107)

1 box T pins

6-by-20-inch cork board, bulletin board or anything similar—covered with brown paper and marked off into 1-inch squares

16 rubber bands

1 300-foot ball of #16 or #18 Mason Line Tack-head upholstery staples Crochet hook

Cut 8 cords (ends) each 4 yards long, and a 5-inch holding cord. Tie an overhand knot (sketch 2) in both ends of holding cord; pull taut, and pin firmly Macramé Designs by Ida Sperr Brier

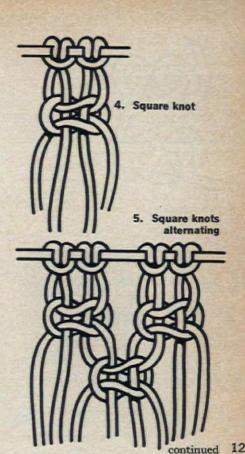


to board, slanting pins away from you. Mount ends on holding cord (sketch 3), making 16 working ends. Wind each

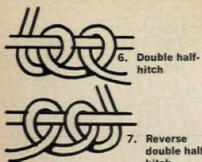


3. Mounting knot

end; secure with rubber band or make butterflies (as shown for weaving, page 136) to prevent tangling. Knotting: Every knot in pattern is tied tightly—and close to previous knot, as seen in photograph on page 106. Keep all ends straight, not letting them twist or change position while you are knotting. As knotting progresses, move work up and pins down. Keep pins about 1 inch above working area to keep work straight and in proper gauge (gauge: 3 knots per inch). For clarity, number rows on graph. Each X represents a square knot.

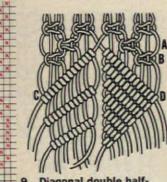






double halfhitch

8. Graph for half of strap excluding



9. Diagonal double halfhitch fan; A and B are framing square knots; side C in work, D completed

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Knotting pattern: square knots alternating (sketches 4, 5 and 8). Notes: Do framing square knots (rows 34 and 35) before fan (sketches 6, 7 and 9). Reverse graph for second half; tie framing square knots after fourth row of double half-hitches of second fan; then last three rows of fan.

Finishing: one row horizontal double half-hitches; use either end as holding cord. Knot each end and holding cord with overhand knot against last row to keep in place. Weave trimmed ends into back with crochet hook, if desired. Staple strap onto rack.

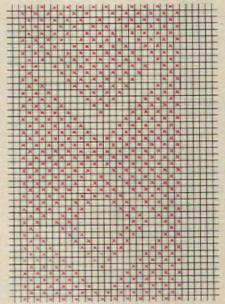
MACRAMÉ DIRECTOR'S CHAIR SEAT AND BACK (pictured on page 107) 1 box T pins 20-by-20-inch cork board or bulletin board covered with brown paper marked in 1-inch squares

128 rubber bands 7 300-foot balls of #24 Mason Line 2 16-inch dowels, 3/16-inch

diameter Heavy-duty carpet thread Crochet hook

To make 6-inch deep back worked vertically, use gauge of 2 knots an inch. Read about general procedure and knotting on page 125. Cut 26 nine-yard ends and a 9-inch holding cord. Mount ends on holding cord (52 working ends). Wind each end.

10. Graph for half of chair back; first row of graph is 21st row of work; rows 1 to 20 are square knots alternating



(continued on page 132)

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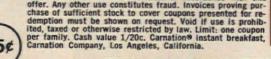
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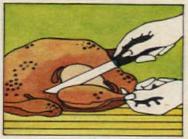
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With some know-how and a little time to practice, anyone can learn to carve.

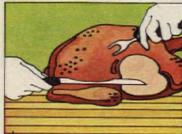
ROAST TURKEY OR CHICKEN

 Place the turkey or chicken on a board or warm platter with the legs pointing to your right.



- 2. Grasp the leg near you firmly with your fingers or carving fork. Pull leg away from body gently and, at the same time, cut through the skin between thigh and body.

 3. Press leg away from body with the flat of your knife. Cut through joint to remove leg completely.
- 4. Hold leg on platter with the drumstick at a convenient angle to the thigh. Cut through the joint to separate drumstick from thigh.
- 5. Drumsticks and thighs from small birds can be served whole, but larger ones are often sliced. To do it, hold drumstick by the end of the bone, at an angle to the plate, and cut down. Turn drumstick as you cut, to get even slices. To slice thigh, hold it firmly to the plate with carving fork and slice parallel to the bone. Repeat with other leg.



Cut into breast all the way to body frame. Keep knife parallel to and as close to wing as possible.



7. Begin slicing at front, halfway up the breast. Carve thin slices down to cut you made in Step 6. The slices will fall away as they reach it. Carve only what you need for serving and do the rest as needed.

STANDING RIB OF BEEF

 Place roast on board or warm platter with ribs at carver's left.



2. Insert the carving fork, tines down, between the top and second ribs. Slice across the meat from right to left until knife reaches the rib bone.



Cut along bone with tip of knife to free the slice. Lift off. Continue until you have enough to serve.

ROAST LEG OF LAMB

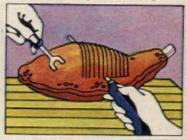
 Place roast on board or warm platter with the shank bone at the carver's left.



2. Cut 2 or 3 thin slices from the thin side of leg facing you. This is to give the leg a flat surface to stand on and allow you to hold it steady as you carve. Turn leg so cut side is on the board or platter.

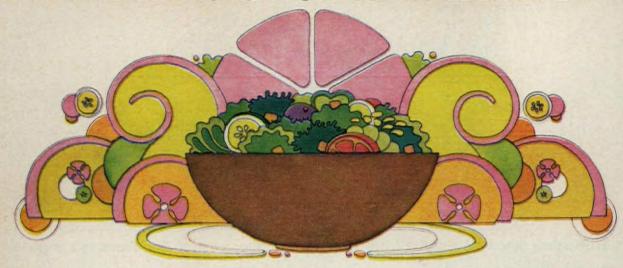


3. Begin cutting at the spot where the shank bone joins the leg bone. Carve ½-inch-thick slices, cutting down to the leg bone. Continue carving the length of the leg.



 Insert knife under the slices at the shank end and cut along the bone to free them.

THE ABC'S OF SALAD DRESSING



It's the dressing that makes the salad—the tantalizing tang that tempts you past the first bite. Packaged and bottled varieties, most of them based on three dressings—French, mayonnaise and cooked—are plentiful on the grocer's shelf. For the days when you decide to make your own, here are recipes for the three classics.

FRENCH DRESSING

This is the simplest of all to make and probably the most widely used. You can vary the proportion of oil to vinegar to suit your taste and, by adding other ingredients or seasonings, use the dressing with a wide variety of salads.

²/₃ cup olive or pure vegetable oil (or use a combination of the two)

⅓ cup vinegar (cider, wine or tarragon) or lemon juice

1 teaspoon salt

1/4 teaspoon pepper 1/4 teaspoon sugar (optional)

1. Combine ingredients in a screwtop jar, blender or shaker. Shake or whirl to blend thoroughly. Pour only enough over salad to coat the greens and do it just before serving. Makes about 1 cup.

Garlic-French Dressing: For an easy dressing with a subtle garlic taste, use vinegar in which you have let a cut clove of garlic stand for several days. If you want a stronger garlic taste, add a crushed clove of garlic to the recipe ingredients.



MAYONNAISE

Mayonnaise is a combination of oil and egg yolks that form an emulsion. Add the oil very, very slowly at first or the emulsion may be broken, causing the oil to run together and float on top of the dressing. This can be corrected by beating an egg yolk in a separate bowl until thick and beating in mayonnaise mixture ½ cup at a time. Beat smooth after each addition.

1 teaspoon sugar
1 teaspoon salt
½ teaspoon dry mustard
Dash of cayenne
3 egg yolks
1½ tablespoons vinegar
2 cups pure vegetable oil

2 tablespoons lemon juice

- 1. Mix sugar, salt, mustard and cayenne in a deep bowl.
- 2. Add egg yolks. Stir or beat until mixture is blended.
- 3. Add vinegar slowly, stirring or beating constantly.
- 4. Beat in ¼ cup oil. If you are using an electric mixer, add the oil in a very thin stream, beating at high speed. If beating by hand, add the oil about ½ teaspoon at a time, making sure the oil is completely mixed in before adding more.



- 5. Beat in the remaining oil. You can now pour it in a slightly heavier stream or add it a teaspoon at a time.
- 6. Stir in lemon juice. Store mayonnaise, covered, in the refrigerator. Makes about 2 cups.

OLD-FASHIONED COOKED DRESSING

This tangy dressing, made with a starch base, has long been a favorite for coleslaw or potato salad. It is easy to do and it keeps well.

2 tablespoons flour 1 teaspoon dry mustard ½ teaspoon salt

1/4 teaspoon paprika 2 tablespoons sugar 1/2 cup cold water

1/4 cup vinegar, 2 egg yolks

1 tablespoon butter or margarine
1/4 cup light cream or undiluted,
evaporated milk

- 1. Combine flour, mustard, salt, paprika and sugar in top of double boiler. Mix well.
- Add water and vinegar slowly, stirring continuously to keep the mixture smooth.
- 3. Beat egg yolks slightly in a small bowl. Stir into flour mixture,
- 4. Place over simmering, not boiling, water in bottom of the double boiler.



- Cook, stirring constantly, until smooth and thick enough to mound slightly when spooned.
- Remove from heat. Stir in butter or margarine and cream or milk.
- 7. Cover and refrigerate any dressing you don't use. If it has become too thick, thin it with a little more cream or evaporated milk. It should be about as thick as heavy cream. Makes about 1½ cups.



5 useful tips on how to make a great snack better.

I. An inside tip on how to take Jell-O out.

Try pouring fresh-made Jell-O* into paper cups. Then refrigerate. Shazaam! You've just created a portable snack the kids can take with them wherever they go. (And with Jell-O in their hands, there's less chance of their grabbing one of those "outside" snacks they shouldn't have.)

The inside story on how long Jell-O keeps.

Normally, Jell-O can stay in your refrigerator for 5 days.

But with a little help from you it can stay even longer.

When you're preparing Jell-O, increase the amount of water by ¼ cup per 3-oz. package and you've increased Jell-O's staying power.

Also, keeping Jell-O under a plastic wrap keeps Jell-O moist and jiggly for a long time. Just the way the kids like it.

3. Take care of snacks the same time you do dessert.

When you're making a box of Jell-O for dessert, make another box for the family to snack on.

You'll find it's just as easy to make two boxes as one. Of course, if you start out with a larger-size box to begin with, one box of Jell-O is

4. Make coffee-time Jell-0 time.

both tasks.

all you'll need to take care of

A good time to remember to make Jell-O is in the morning. When you're making instant coffee. Just add another cup of water to the pot and use it for Jell-O.

5. Can anything top Jell-O as a snack?

Not when you consider Jell-O is the only snack that can fill the bill without filling you up. (And for less than 4 cents a serving, too.) So, somehow its cool, delicious, fruit-flavored, light taste is always right.

That being the case, the only way Jell-O can be topped as a snack is

with a topping.

Like shredded coconut, chopped nuts, or fruit. Or how about miniature marshmallows dotting the top.

If these ideas sound delicious to you, imagine how much the kids will go for them.

Inside and out.



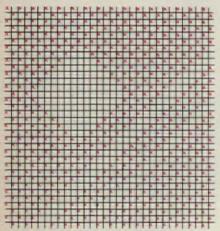
CRAFTING IN STYLE continued from page 126

Knotting Pattern: square knots alternating (sketches 4, 5 and 10). Begin internal diamond after top half of external one is done. First square knot of internal diamond is slightly lower than row 24. Finish internal diamond, then work lower half of external diamond. Follow same procedure for other two. Repeat first 33 rows of work to finish, after doing last row on graph.

Finishing: The outer two ends of each side (four ends in all) are drawn to center to form holding cord. Mount ends on holding cord with horizontal double half-hitches, using two ends for each half-hitch (sketches 6 and 7). Knot four ends of holding cords together in center. With crochet hook, weave trimmed ends from double half-hitches into back of chair and holding cord at top into mounting knots. Fold over each end; slip-stitch in place with heavy-duty carpet thread to fit over chair-back posts.

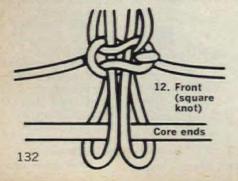
Procedure: For 16-inch chair seat worked vertically, cut 64 eight-yard ends. Mount on dowel and wind ends (128 working ends).

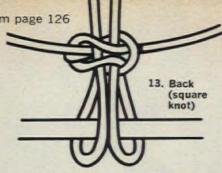
Knotting Pattern: Square knots alternating (sketches 4, 5 and 11).



11. Graph for one-fourth of seat

Finishing: After last row of square knots, loop core ends of each knot around second dowel leaving 3/4 inch between row of knots and dowel. Bring the knotting ends of each square knot around to reverse side. Make row of





square knots on reverse side, using original core ends again (sketches 12 and 13). Knot core ends with overhand knots to keep them from slipping out; weave ends in with a crochet hook.

FELT PATCHWORK WALL HANGING AND CHAIR UPHOLSTERY

(pictured on page 108)

Wall Hanging
36-inch-wide felt:
1 yard yellow
½ yard green
½ yard red
½ yard blue
½ yard blue
¼ yard orange
¼ yard orange

1/4 yard brown

2 strips of wood, each $\frac{1}{2}$ by $\frac{1}{4}$ by 36 inches

1 spool white sewing cotton #60

Cut felt background to size, 30 inches square, allowing 11/2 inches extra at top and bottom for casings. Make cardboard patterns: a 6-inch square, a 3inch square, a 6-inch triangle (6-inch square cut diagonally), a 3-inch triangle and a 2-inch triangle. Place cardboard patterns on wrong side of felt. Outline shapes with a pencil. Cut out all pieces. Place on yellow background (see photograph on page 108 for color arrangement). Pin in position; butt edges-do not overlap. Sew on machine with zigzag stitching or slip-stitch pieces in place by hand. For the chair covering shown, use only the central motif of wall hanging put on in straight position. Be sure to allow enough yellow felt background to fit your chair seat and back.

FOUR-STRAND, FLAT BRAID PINWHEEL PLACE MAT

(pictured on page 109)

45-inch lightweight cotton (enough for 4 place mats):

1½ yards red 1½ yards patterned 3 yards white

Layout board: 3 layers of corrugated cardboard covered with brown paper, or anything similar, to pin work to T pins

Fine, curved upholstery needle
1 spool of thread for basting
1 spool white thread #60 for joining
Straight-edge ruler
Single-edge razor blades

Patchwork Designs by Jean-Pierre Durante

The braided place mat is made up of four-strand, flat braids. Each strand of the braid is 3 inches wide by 26 inches long. For each braid, use two white strands, one red and one patterned strand. There are seven braids stitched together in each place mat. Remove the selvages by tearing-this will keep a straight edge. Then pull fabric to straighten. Cut fabric into 26-inch lengths and mark off 3-inch strips at the top of each one. Snip marks with scissors, then tear strips. Press each strip in half, right side up. Snip off any loose threads. Open, then fold each side to center line and press again (sketch 14). Then fold in half and press.



14. Fold to center line

Place each strand on a table to keep them flat. Arrange them in color groupings. The braiding method is shown in sketch 15. Have all folded edges facing



15. Braiding method: left strand over; right strand under; left strand in center

the same direction. To achieve the pinwheel design, vary strands in their color placement. Placing one strand on top of the other and starting from the bottom, braid #1 is set up as follows: white, white, red, pattern; #2: red, pattern, white, white; #3: white, white, red, pattern, and so forth. The braiding method remains the same, but the color placement alternates. Keep braids pinned to layout board as you work to be sure pattern is lining up correctly. Do not pull fabric tightly while braiding; just use enough tension to keep work together and braid flat. When all seven braids are complete, place side by side in their proper positions on board. Then pin securely, slanting the pins away from you. Baste braids together. Find center of mat; measure 9 inches out to each side. Mark with pencil. Draw a line down both ends at the 9inch mark and baste along this line with curved upholstery needle, using small stitches. Holding straight-edge ruler firmly pressed against mat just outside of basting line, cut with razor blade. Use short firm strokes and cut away small sections at a time. Make sure the

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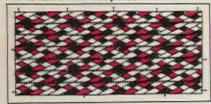
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edge stays straight, as in sketch 16. Remove mat from board. Turn mat to

16. Basted and cut place mat on board



wrong side. Back-stitch both ends along basted line to keep braids intact and Feather-stitch braids together



(sketch 16). Bind ends with same folded white strands used for braids.

BATIK PLACE MAT (pictured on page 109) AND WALL HANGING (right)

iron

Fabric: lightweight white cotton or linen (not synthetic, drip-dry or crease resistant)

Dye: batik dye or commercial dye Paraffin and beeswax Good 1-inch natural-bristle brush Cotton swabs, wax paper, rubber gloves,

Heat source Double boiler or coffee can Large container for dye bath-porcelain, enameled metal or plastic, large enough to accommodate fabric without crowding

For place mat, wash fabric to preshrink it and remove sizing. Draw threads for straight cutting lines; press and cut to desired size. Tape wax paper over working area (near heat source) and spread fabric on top. Place wax (1/2 beeswax, 1/2 paraffin) in double boiler (or coffee can placed in a saucepan of water) and heat just until it begins to smoke. Paint designs on fabric using brush dipped in hot wax. Dip brush frequently while working so the wax on it stays fluid. If necessary, reheat wax. Wax both sides of the fabric to prevent dye from penetrating the wax.

Prepare dye bath according to manufacturer's instructions. It must not be hot or it will melt the wax and dye will penetrate design area. Allow fabric to remain in dye bath until color slightly darker than desired color is obtained. Remove from dve; rinse in lukewarm running water to remove excess dye. Lay fabric flat and remove excess moisture by patting it with paper towels. Hang it straight until dry.

When it is dry, place fabric between

layers of paper towels and press both sides with a hot iron to remove wax. A residual amount will remain even after pressing; it can be removed by dry cleaning. Fringe all sides 1/4 inch.

Procedure for the wall hanging (below) is the same as for the place mat, except there are a few extra steps because more than one color is used. Paint on the design with wax. Enclose areas to contain colors with a continuous line of wax; apply color to both sides of fabric with cotton swabs. When the dye is completely dry, all colored areas are covered with wax just as the design areas were; then the entire piece is immersed in dve bath.

To mount wall hanging, sew a strip of fabric across top and bottom at back to form casings. Run a flat rod through casings; screw rings into top of rod.

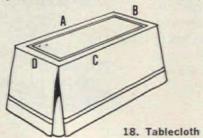


WOVEN BORDER FOR FITTED TABLE-CLOTH

(pictured on page 109)

1 package of weaving cards Lily Double Quick Mercerized crochet cotton, 3 colors, 3 skeins of each Sewing cotton Curved upholstery needle 11/4-inch rubber band C-clamp/hook, doorknob, or anything similar

The woven tape was made for a 30by-42-inch fitted table cloth (sketch 18).



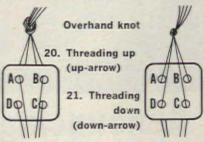
About 83/4 yards of finished tape were used, woven in four sections.

Setting up: Count off 16 cards. Number each with a pencil. Stack in order, printed side down, #1 on top. Measure off 7-foot lengths of cotton (thread for warp): 24 white, 24 Delft blue and 16 navy blue. This is the warp for sides B and D on top of cloth, which makes about 5 feet of tape. (Note: If you are changing measurements or type of yarn, add 36 inches to finished size to allow for waste. The first section will be the gauge for the other three.) When all warp is cut, group the four threads for each card together, making 16 groups. Consult threading chart (sketch 19).

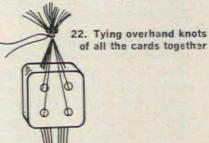
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19. Threading chart

Set these groups on a table to left of cards. Thread cards following threading chart and sketches 20 and 21. Tie an



overhand knot with the four ends (sketch 20) and place printed side down (A and B) at top of card-stacking one on top of the other as you proceed. Place a weight on stack to keep cards from sliding off table; #1 will be on bottom and #16 on top. Put rubber band around cards horizontally, then make overhand knots 2 inches from top of cards. Wrap string around overhand knots and knot securely (sketch 22).



This is side B of warp. Tie B to C-clamp or other stationary object with the printed side to your right. Slide fingers down the warp to remove tangles and

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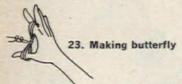
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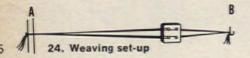


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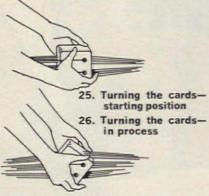
take up slack. At the end, side A, make an overhand knot using all ends. Stretch warp its entire length and attach to another support. This support remains stationary during weaving, but must be movable to adjust tension as work progresses. The tension of the warp must be even on all threads. Too much tension makes turning cards and beating weft difficult; too little allows warp to sag. The warp should feel firm but not hard when touched. Make a butterfly with navy blue cotton (sketch 23). This is the weft, cross-wise thread.



Weaving: This pattern is based on 8 quarter turns clockwise followed by 8 quarter turns counterclockwise. With each quarter turn a new shed (opening



in the warp) is formed. To begin, sit to the left of warp facing A. Slide rubber band toward A. Slide cards forward about 15 inches (sketch 24). To turn, hold cards with both hands, thumbs on top, fingers underneath, and rotate to correct position—always keep thumbs on top and fingers underneath. The cards should turn as one unit (sketches 25, 26). Do not press cards together as

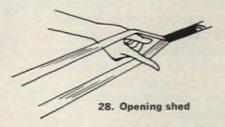


you turn; let them slide through the warp threads. If the shed is not distinct, slide cards forward and back a few inches. Do this only when necessary. (The cards, which are 15 inches forward, have A and D on top.) Rotate cards a

quarter turn clockwise; A and B are now on top. This is home position; the 8 clockwise, 8 counterclockwise quarter turns begin from here. Pass weft through shed letting 2 inches hang free (sketch

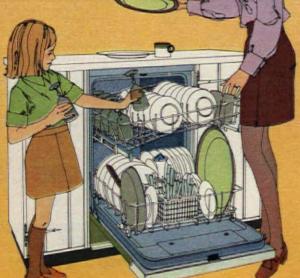


27). Make quarter turn clockwise (B and C on top), open shed (sketch 28),



then beat with the side of your hand (sketch 29). Always alternate hands (continued on page 142)

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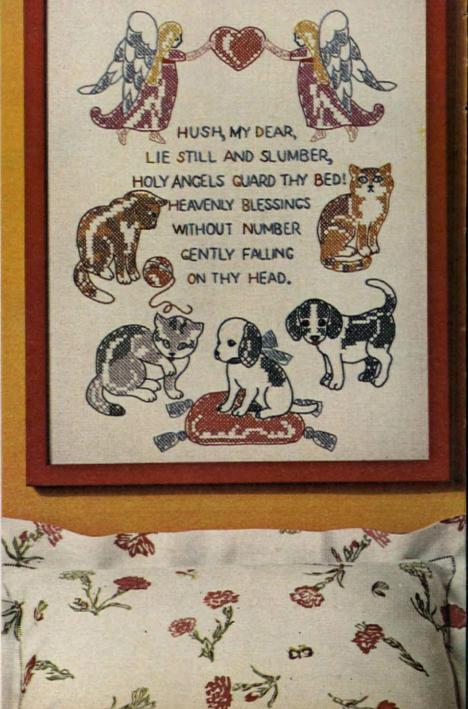
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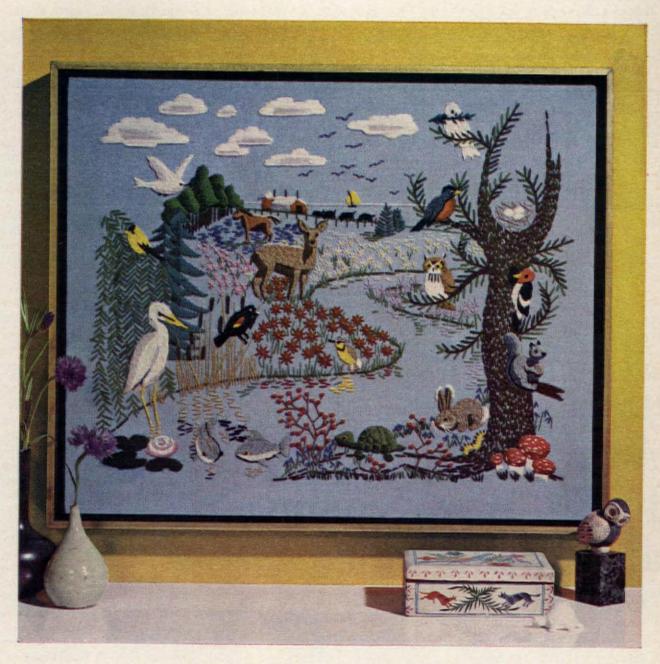


for beating to keep design even. Pass weft through shed. The weft should be pulled tight enough to hold all warp together and maintain a straight edge. Rotate cards another quarter turn, open shed, beat, pass weft through. Continue to do this until you have completed 8 quarter turns and are back in home position. Reverse direction of turning, making 8 quarter turns counterclockwise, following the same procedures. After each set of eight turns is complete you should end up in home position. Continue until entire length is woven. If you run out of weft, tie the end to wrong side of warp with a square knot. Make a new butterfly and tie onto warp after turning cards. Always stop work in home position. Slide cards up against last row of weaving, secure them with the rubber band. Chain warp so that last chain is against cards (sketches 30, 31, 32, 33). To make remaining



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three sections, cut lengths 9 feet long for the top of cloth, 9 feet and 12 feet for skirt drop. Thread each section using sketch 19.

Finishing: Miter the corners of each length of tape for the four sides. (sketch 34). Before cutting, stitch lines on machine so ends won't ravel. Slip-stitch to tablecloth. To cover mitered corners



make a narrow braid of navy-blue cotton (use double strands). Knot ends. Sew over mitered corners. Tuck knots under tape. Sew in place. The tape for the skirt drop is cut straight and braids are placed on ends. The wool tape as seen on page 109 would be a good border for a rug (see threading chart, #35).

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35. Threading chart for wool tape

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MACRAMÉ SUPPLIERS: any hardware store or notions counter.

PATCHWORK: Introducing Patchwork by Alice Timmons; \$7.95 from Watson-Guptill Publications, 2160 Patterson St., Cincinnati, Ohio 45214.

WEAVING BOOKS: Byways in Handweaving by Mary Meigs Atwater, 1968; \$7.95 plus 50¢ handling from The Macmillan Co., Special Sales, 866 3rd Avenue, New York, N.Y. 10022. Card Weaving by Russell E. Groff (patterns only), 1959; \$3.50 plus 18¢ postage, Robin & Russ Handweavers, 533 N. Adams St., McMinnville, Ore. 97128.

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bama, my daddy is a peanut farmer. A good one, too. He raised six children from the pickings of those vines. even if we did eat up a lot of his profits. One bonus Daddy always had. though, was me. 197 wellfed pounds of meat with very little I used to get my feelings hurt all the time being plump. But Mama's hot

ter cake tasted so

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away the unkind

comments.

Needless to say, I had very few dates. Nobody seemed interested in a fat girl. Guess it was a lucky thing for me that I went to my uncle's wedding. I was only nine years old, but I met my future husband. Steve, there. He was the bride's brother, so we saw a lot of each other as the years went by.

Being close that way, Steve just got used to seeing me chubby. At least, he never mentioned my weight. But it bothered me. I kept promising myself I was going to reduce, but I didn't. Instead I married Steve and watched the pounds keep piling on.

It was not, however, until one of Steve's little nephews made a remark that I really got the message. He said: "Aunt Glenda, are you going to have

a baby?" I wasn't.

That's when I started crash dieting. I took diet pills and lost 23 pounds. When I stopped, I gained back 46. And so it went. Then one day, I sat down in my platform rocker and it



Now that I'm 131 pounds, my waist is smaller than my upper leg used to be.

cracked right in half. It broke up my husband, too. But I didn't think it was the least bit funny.

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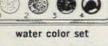
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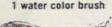
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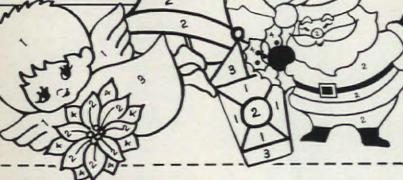






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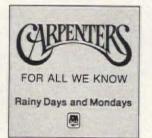
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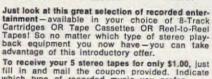


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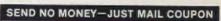
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SAVING GRACES Comments and cues from the food editor

HEALTH FOODS-WHAT ABOUT THEM?

There's been much said and written these past few months about the virtues of so-called health foods and foods grown organically. Stores selling foods purported to be free of chemicals, and restaurants too—each with its own dietary point of view—are springing up all over the country. Is this fad valid? Well, the one thing on which we and the health-food folk agree is that the best foods one can eat are whole-grain cereals and breads, fresh fruits, vegetables, meat, fish and poultry. Nutritionists have been promoting the idea for years. Perhaps the best thing this new cult has done is to turn people's attention to bettering their diet.

Unlike the health-food faddists, we believe that a diet should be balanced—and not limited to one kind of food, like the macrobiotic grain diet of a few years ago that proved fatal to some followers. And when we find prices in health-food stores so much greater than those in supermarkets for the same items (brown rice, for example), we wonder: Is someone pushing good health for his own profit?

What about organically grown food? Agronomists tell us they have no proof that chemically fertilized foods contain fewer nutrients than those fed organically. One study, conducted over a period of 25 years, showed the vitamin C, iron and copper content of potatoes to be the same whether they were grown on manured soil or soil treated with chemicals. And can the bee that makes the honey—one of the cultists' favorite foods—tell how the flowers were fertilized?

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HELP ABOUT THE HOUSE

STEEL WOOL ERASES MARKS

Our children's bikes have left tire marks on the cushion-backed vinyl flooring in their room. We've tried every type of cleaner we can find, but cannot seem to remove those tire marks. Have you a suggestion for us?

Brooklyn, N.Y.

You need a mild abrasive. Get the finest steel wool you can find—not a soap pad from the grocery store, but plain steel wool from the hardware store. Wet a small piece of steel wool with a cleanser wax that's made for vinyl floors—the label will say something like "cleans as it waxes." Rub the tire marks lightly with the wax-laden steel wool, then wipe with a dry rag. Repeat if necessary.

YOU CAN BLEACH "COLORED" WOOD

My woodwork was varnished many years ago and now is a reddish color. I don't know whether the color is in the varnish or was put into the wood itself. Is there a way to restore the wood's natural color?

Maryville, Mo.

First, strip off the old varnish with a varnish remover. This is a messy job, so spread plenty of newspapers or drop cloths around. And make sure all furniture and carpets are either removed from the room or covered. If the reddish color is in the varnish, your problem is solved. However, if the reddish color persists, which means the wood was stained, apply a wood bleach. This is available from large paint stores and mail-order houses that specialize in woodworking and craft items.

COATING RESTORES MARBLE

The marble floor in our foyer is scuffed and dirty. How can it be resurfaced?

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To clean the marble in your foyer, scrub thoroughly with soap and water, then apply a marble sealer. The sealer will impart a glossy appearance which can be enhanced with white paste wax.

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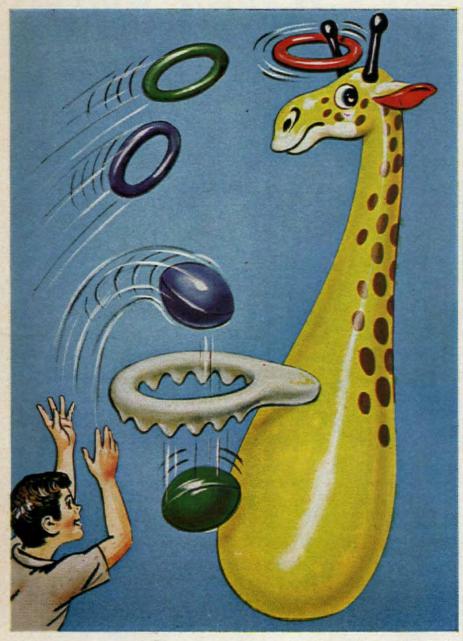
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HELP ABOUT THE HOUSE continued

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Our house is brick. Every winter moisture forms on the insides of the north walls, and mold behind the furniture. The wall surfaces are ice cold. Should these walls be covered with wood paneling?

Belle, W.Va.

Paneling would not be the answer. Insulation would be. Slabs of foam plastic insulation, available (perhaps on order) from building-supply yards, can be adhered to the walls and paneling; plaster or plasterboard can be applied over the foam plastic slabs. Polystyrene plastic has been well proven in this sort of situation.

SMOKE-STAINED CEILING NEEDS PAINT

Is there a way to remove smoke stains from my ceiling? I've tried household cleansers to no avail.

Thorold, Ont. (Can.)

There's no easy answer to your problem. After removing as much of the stains as will come off with cleanser, paint the entire ceiling over again, preferably with an easy-to-work-with latex paint.

CREATE YOUR OWN SOUND BARRIERS

How can we prevent outside sounds from bothering us? Even with windows closed, we are disturbed by the sound of traffic whizzing by.

Teaneck, N.J.

If your walls are not insulated, having them so treated would help. This is generally done in an existing house by a contractor, who will blow wool-like insulation into the walls and top-floor ceilings. The improvement will pay for itself, over the years, through lower heating bills and greater comfort. (See "Insulation: A Federal Case," October AH.)

Storm windows and doors will also help, and will cut your heating bills, too. Finally, planting tall hedges or building a wall or high board fence along the side of your property that faces the road will prevent much of the noise from ever reaching your house—and will also make your yard more pleasant and quiet.

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NEW FINISHES FOR WOOD HOUSES By Stanley Schuler

Natural finishes and stains for wood house exteriors are anything but new (just look at those weather-beaten early Colonial homes on Cape Cod), but lately they have been soaring in popularity. One reason is that California-type homes, which feature natural finishes, are beginning to be copied on a large scale by builders throughout the country. Another is that the paint industry has broadened its line of natural finishes and stains. But the main reason is that Americans have developed a new appreciation for the beauty of wood, and are looking to finishes that allow much of this beauty to show through. The result is a new, warm, blend-with-the-country look in homes-also, in many instances, less maintenance for homeowners.

Natural finishes and stains differ from paint in that they do not form a heavy coating that hides the wood underneath. On the contrary, they penetrate the wood, unite with its fibers and may even help to protect it against decay. The natural finishes are so called because they have little effect on the appearance of wood: The grain and texture are plainly visible; the color is altered only slightly, perhaps not at all. By contrast, stains color wood and some conceal its characteristic structure to a certain extent, but never so completely as paint.

The oldest natural finish is no finish at all. It is as beautiful and durable today as when the Pilgrims built their first houses. And it is certainly the least expensive. But unfortunately, the lovely gray patina of those splendid antique houses cannot be achieved overnight. Wood siding and trim weather unevenly; the result can be a blotchy look for the first few

This is why new wood bleaches have been developed. Also called bleaching oils, these contain a penetrating oil, a bleaching agent and a small amount of gray pigment. The purpose of the pigment is to give new wood an instant weathered look. It wears off in a few years. But by then the bleaching agent has done its job and turned the wood to a uniform gray, which is maintained thereafter by natural weathering processes-sun and rain.

To bleach your wood house, apply one or two coats, according to the manufacturer's directions. After several weeks, hose down the walls occasionally-especially under the eaves and in other areas partially protected from rain-to

augment the bleaching action. You probably won't need additional coats unless the wood fails to turn light as quickly as you wish. In that case make an additional application after six months. Bleach, like other natural finishes and stains, can be rolled on, but you will probably achieve more uniform results if you use a brush.

If you prefer the look of new wood to that of weathered wood, there are other kinds of finishes you should know about. These are water repellents-thin, colorless liquids that interfere with natural weathering and thus help wood to retain its original color or something quite close to it. They also help prevent the

wood from splintering and checking. And if they contain a mildewcide—as they should—they stop the formation of mildew in mild climates.

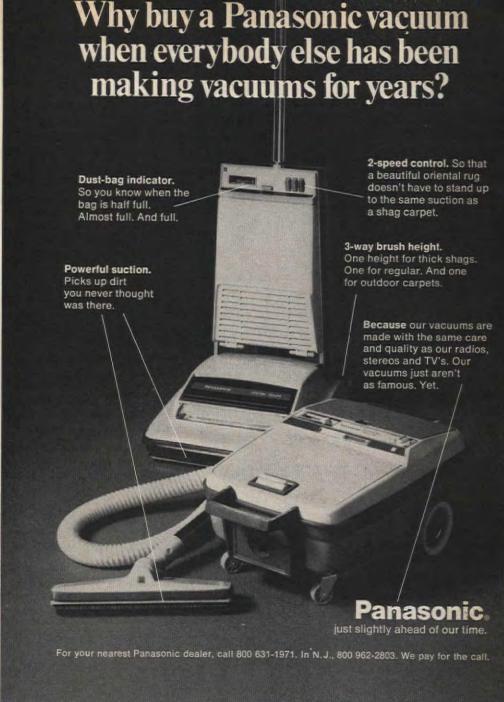
Water repellents are so good that at least one authority, the California Redwood Association, recommends them over all other natural finishes. As a rule you should start with two coats. Application is easy, since you can literally slop on the repellent with a brush any way you like. How long this initial treatment will last depends on the climate. In arid regions you may never have to make another application. Elsewhere, however, the wood will eventually begin to darken-and you should apply another coat.

Water repellents are usually applied as they come from the can, but if you want to tint your house just slightly, you can mix them with a pigmented penetrating stain. The alternative is to apply a stain over the repellent (but you cannot apply a repellent over a stain).

In addition to water repellents and bleaches, other natural finishes are available, but these present problems. Linseed oil, for example, has been around a long time, but it darkens wood considerably and mildews badly. Exterior varnishes also have been used for years—especially on doors and trim—but they break down rapidly under the sun's ultraviolet rays; then you have a difficult refinishing job to face.

Exterior stains made with penetrating oil are quite another matter, which is why so many houses are now finished this way. One of these penetrating stains is a very lightly pigmented, semitransparent finish that colors wood various shades of brown, green, blue, gray—you name it—but does not conceal the wood's texture or grain. This stain can be applied to any unfinished, previously stained or water-repellent-treated wood.

When applying penetrating stain to new smooth wood, brush on only one coat—a second coat put on right away is likely to produce shiny spots. After a couple of years, however, you will need a second coat; this will last five years or more. On rough wood you should start out with two coats, applying the second within 30 minutes of the first, ideally.



The other type of exterior stain may or may not be a stain, depending on who's describing it. The paint industry calls it an opaque or solid-color stain; the government's Forest Products Laboratory says it's a paintlike coating.

This disparity stems from the fact that the finish contains enough pigment actually to form a film on the surface of wood. It covers the wood, but, unlike paint, does not conceal such things as rough grain, saw marks, knots and other imperfections.

Because of their shielding power, opaque stains give a uniform color to home exteriors, even though there are pronounced differences in the color of the wood underneath (unlike the effect of semitransparent stains). You can also change the color of a house that has been stained previously, if you don't try to switch from a very dark to a light color. You can even stain a painted house if the paint has worn thin.

In short, this is a versatile and useful product—particularly when used on rough wood. But don't count on it to last much longer than paint: The life expectancy is about the same. Above all, don't think you can make an opaque stain by diluting paint with thinner. Some people have tried this and had disastrous results—the mixture has no penetrating power.



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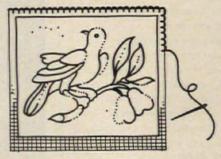
HOW TO MAKE A KNIFE-EDGE PILLOW

Give your needlework a professional look.

Let's assume you have finished a fine piece of needlework; it is pressed and ready to assemble as a pillow.

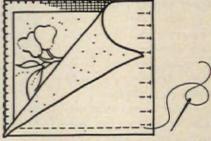
For creative stitchery, cut background fabric the exact size of pillow form on top and sides, but allow an extra 1/2 inch at bottom. Be sure design is centered and that top, sides and bottom are straight and even. This will allow 1/2 inch for seams at top and sides and 1 inch at bottom for zipper insertion.

For needlepoint, cut finished canvas 1/2 inch outside yarn edges on top and sides and 1 inch at bottom for seams. Blanket-stitch all canvas edges so they won't ravel (below).



Cut backing piece for finished pillow exactly the same size as the top piece. Use matching or comparable fabric for creative stitchery; upholstery velvet, wool flannel or wool felt for needlepoint.

Place right side of back piece against right side of embroidery. Pin seam allowance at top. Start from center out to sides. Pin sides in the same way.



Baste top and sides with small stitches (above). Be sure basting line is perfectly straight. Remove pins as you go. If your pillow top is needlepoint, be sure to baste close to top edges of needlepoint stitches. Baste back to front on top and sides, but leave bottom open for zipper. Sew on machine with an even tension and with stitches small enough so that there will be no gaps when the pillow is filled. Or you can sew by hand, using a small back stitch (below).



Turn to right side; press seams. Insert zipper at bottom, following instructions. -Dorothy Lambert Brightbill

DAVIES

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restoring the acres to working order. Now they are harvesting grapes, to their delight and to that of their absentee partners. Into the caves, Jack and Jamie are stowing what they hope will be among California's finest champagnes.

In 1968 Jack led the Citizens for Agricultural Preserve, a group of vintners, in the fight to save their land from the subdivider's bulldozer. They succeeded in incorporating 25,000 acres of wine country into the preserve. Now he is chairman of the Upper Napa Valley Association, which has also kept freeways from cutting through the vineyards.

The pace is perhaps no less hectic for the Davies family at Schramsberg than it was in the city, but they seem to enjoy it more. "Our house has almost become campaign headquarters for Valley projects," says Jack. And at the winery, Jamie is busy as tour guide. Besieged with questions about wines, she has begun a local newsletter that has recipes and suggested uses for champagne.

But in November there is a lull in all this activity, as the 1971 wines finish their fermentation and Jack and Jamie get set for the vintner's greatest moment—the first tasting, when at last they know for sure what they have. END

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ship's saloon—the living and dining room—is perfect for easy entertaining. During the day, many etched-glass skylights let the sunshine stream in, while at night the mood is often set with candles and kerosene lamps. Here, at a solid oak banquet table that Don built out of old main-hatch timbers, Susan often serves dinner to as many as 12 guests.

Sara's other main room is the galley, now renovated into a fully equipped kitchen. Its weathered-wood cabinets were made from the ship's original hatch doors; the paper-towel rack was once a pair of rusty ice tongs. The Hauswalds converted an old wooden icebox into a refrigerator-freezer and picked up an antique wood-burning stove at a shop in Venice, Calif. In addition to these rooms, their bedroom, a tiled bath and a nursery for 18-month-old Yuri, the Hauswalds have two extra-large state-rooms accommodating 12 to 14 guests.

When in port, Susan and Don lead a regular life; they like to play tennis and take bike trips. But unlike other folk, the Hauswalds on impulse often hoist the sails of their home and put to sea, where life is more romantic.



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What good does a funeral do...really?

Let's face it. In this age of change and challenge, it's one of the things some people are wondering about.

They point out, quite rightly, that beyond providing the dignity of a proper burial, the funeral can do nothing for the person whose life is ended.

However, leaders in medicine, psychology, sociology and religion are more convinced today than ever that a funeral does a great deal for those whose life goes on. For the bereaved family; their friends; their close circle in the community.

One thing it does is help those who grieve accept the reality of death. They know it happened. But a part of their mind rejects it, runs away from it.

The funeral service takes them gently by the shoulders and turns them to face it. And having faced it, having viewed it, things are easier.

Things continue to be easier (though it may not seem so at the time) as the arrangements have them talking with sympathetic friends at the visitation.

Unburdening ourselves seems to make room for courage. As surely as sharing joy increases joy, expressing and sharing grief lightens grief.

That's why even those without deep religious convictions adjust more quickly to life when they have observed the funeral rites.

To the religious family, of course, the funeral ceremony, presided over by their clergyman, is not only a personal but a public profession of faith. In its sharing with others, it is a source of strength that passes understanding. For the family . . . for friends . . . for society.

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It is really refreshing to see unmotorized, safe toys that encourage a child to use his imagination.

Mrs. James I. Murphy Meriden, Conn.

After reading the article I sat right down to write to you at 6:15 a.m., my normal rising hour. With four small kids, we need your catalog desperately!!!

> (Mrs.) Ruth Schipke Bricktown, N.J.

I am going to get the fire engine for my brother, who is 23. The appeal of the toys is not just limited to youngsters. I hope to get the train for my Dad.

> Gail Olson Covina, Calif.

Your toys immediately brought back memories of those my grandfather made for me and my brothers and sister, many of which we still have.

> Vallerie Keig Napa, Calif.

If you would like to order toys for Christmas, catalogs are still available free from: Vermont Wooden Toy Company, Old High School Building, Waitsfield, Vt. 05673.

CYCLE FLAK

Denise McCluggage's article, "Should Your Youngster Ride A Motorcycle?" (September AH), failed to mention some of the more compelling arguments against allowing children to ride motorcycles.

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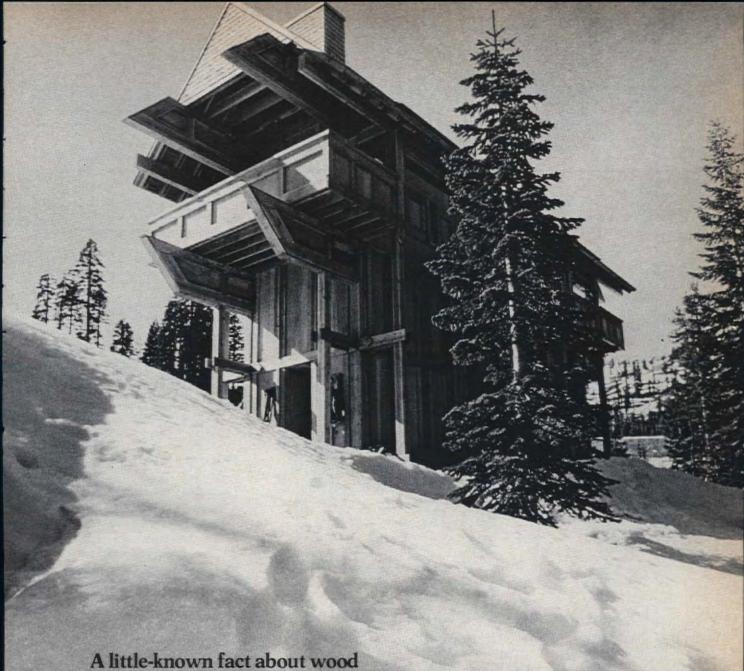
But perhaps the strongest argument against motorcycles is one posed by our younger generation itself—the overemphasis on materialistic values. Do our children really need motorcycles to be amused?

Betty Burridge Tustin, Calif.

People are going to die on the day they die no matter what they ride on. So why pick on motorcycles?

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APPLAUSE

We want to congratulate you for the magnificent presentation of "The Californian" in your September AH.

This is the first publication of one of our projects that we are totally satisfied with. The quality of the copy and photography is truly superb and does an excellent job of capturing and describing the spirit of the project.

Robert Arrigoni Backen, Arrigoni & Ross, Inc. San Francisco, Calif.

Thank you for your charming and delightful "American Treasury: Museum Samplers" (September AH). The [Whitman Collection] has such a number of exciting pieces that it is a pleasure to see them again in those magnificent photographs of Richard Jeffery.

(Mrs.) Glee Krueger Westport, Conn.

STUDENT PROTEST

In your August article, "Young Decorating at Happy Prices," you presented two apartments that are completely beyond the budgets of couples of which one or both is a student. Students don't have \$1,000 to decorate two rooms or \$200 for a "Marrakech" rug.

After four years together as married students, my husband and I have had three typical student decorating experiences: our first two-bedroom apartment, furnished with our parents' castoffs and our old bedroom furniture; a furnished studio apartment run by the university; and now, two bedrooms again—furnished with St. Vincent de Paul's bargains, seconds from a desk factory, a sofa on loan and Sears' shelving.

Why don't you present some ideas to help in some of these situations? They're far more realistic.

Linda McCabe Los Angeles, Calif.

For starters, we suggest you try "Star-Studded Denim" (September AH) and "Shoe-Polish Decorating" (October AH). Both offer realistic and low-cost decorating ideas. And we plan to feature more in upcoming issues.

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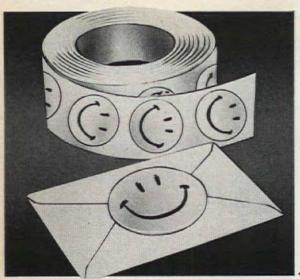
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THE PARTY MAKERS

Page 103: On and in cocktail table, bottom: Danish shipsglasses and ashtray, Svend Jensen of Denmark, Inc., Rye, N.Y. On Entertainment Center, left: Stelton stainless steel ice bucket and cocktail shaker, Nissen's teak salt and pepper mills (above bottles), International Designers Group, Inc., N.Y.C. On mobile bar unit, right: Stelton stainless steel jug, International Designers Group, Inc., N.Y.C. Page 104: In the étagère, top left: Silver Revere bowl, Reed & Barton, Taunton, Mass. Crystal barware, Georg Jensen, N.Y.C. On the cocktail table, bottom right: Crystal wine cooler, Avitra Corp., N.Y.C. In the stacking cubes, top right: "Arrows" barware by Ceraglass, Ted Arnold, N.Y.C. Page 105: In the "Swinging Bar," center: Yellow pottery jug by Rita Ceramic, Trans-Ocean-Bridges Co., Reston, Va. In the wall unit, right: Silver ice tongs, Reed & Barton, Taunton, Mass. (Following sources are in N.Y.C.) Teak cutting board, The Pottery Barn. Teak ice bucket. Nissen's salt and pepper mills, International Designers Group,

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ton, Taunton, Mass. Crystal, Svend Jensen of Denmark, Inc., Rye, N.Y. Napkin, Braidwater, N.Y.C. Page 124: On place mat, top left: Stainless steel knife and Punktal China, "Plus Programme," Rosenthal China Corp., N.Y.C.

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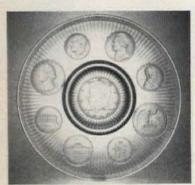
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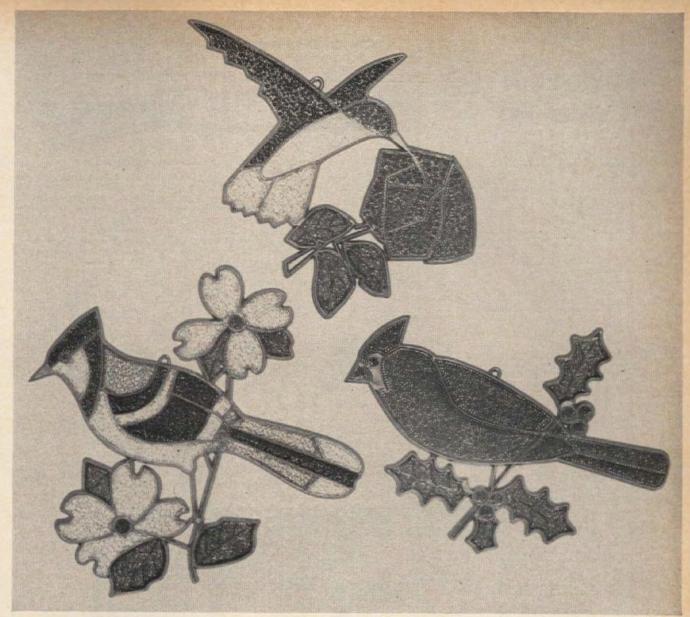
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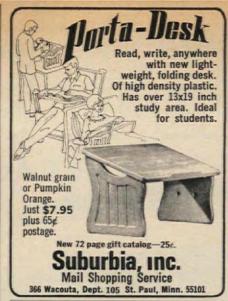
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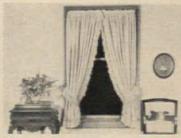
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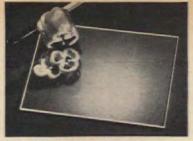
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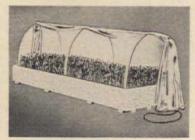
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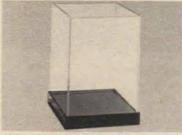
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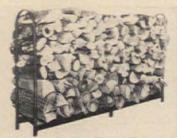
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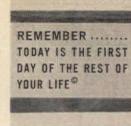
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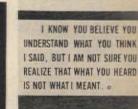
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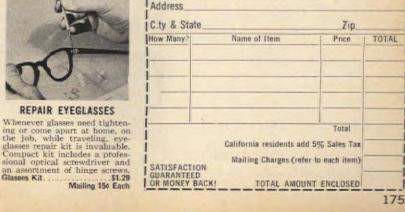
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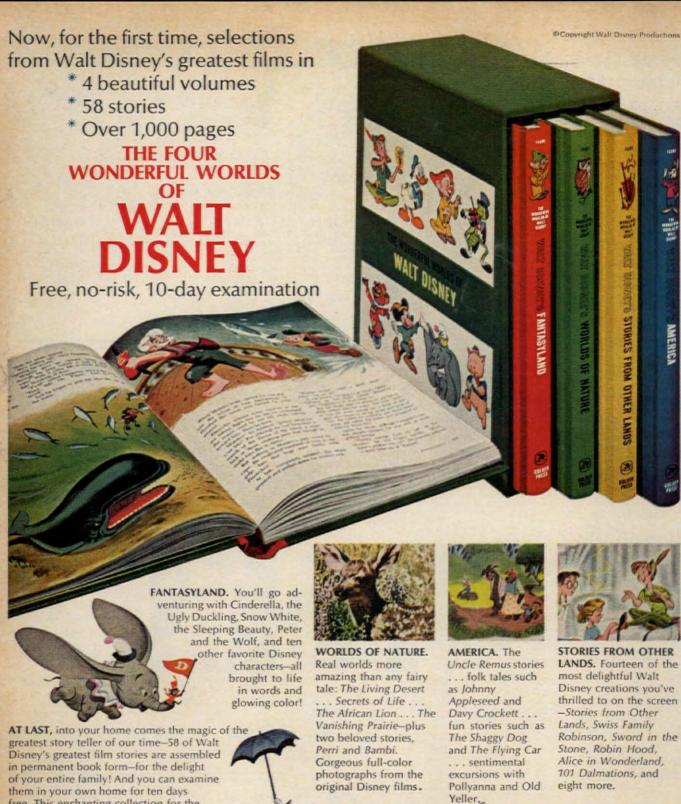
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